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GEORGE CROSS IN DOUBLE TROUBLE

By LES SHORROCK

SUNSHINE George Cross lurched nearer to the relegation abyss with a 5-2 thrashing from South Melbourne on Sunday.

It was Georgie's fifth consecutive loss, and as if that wasn't bad enough, the club could be facing disciplinary action from the League after crowd trouble.

The spectators became incensed as Adelaide referee Jim Rossis first sent off John Campelj followed by Jeff Faulkner, then awarded South a penalty. They recognised NSL Chairman Sam Papasavas in the press box, and vented their anger on him, blaming him for the choice of referee.

The crowd pelted the press box with cans and eventually Papasavas was escorted to a safe area by four policemen, one of whom was hit by a flying beer can.

Twenty minutes after the end of the game, he was driven from the ground in a police car, and the referee also had to be escorted to safety.

The National League will study the referee's report before taking any action, but it could result in the closure of Chaplin Reserve, and George Cross being forced to play its remaining games away from home.

Heidelberg's plight also worsened, despite the arrival of Bobby Russell and Steve Gojevic.

Russell, in a sweeper's role, played well enough, but the 'Bergers' attack squandered opportunities through bad finishing.

Greek International Con Kouis, who was expected to play, missed a connecting flight, and arrived in Melbourne on Monday.

Melbourne JUST, having made the astonishing decision to dispense with English international Peter Barnes after only two games, put up a lacklustre performance against APIA Leichhardt and lost.

And to complete the sorry saga, Preston Makedonia flopped against the League's most consistent side, Adelaide City.

The one shining exception to Melbourne's tale of woe is the scintillating form of rejuvenated Melbourne Croatia, which waltzed round Blacktown City on a mud-heap to win 3-1.

Croatia's strikers Francis Awaritefe and Zeljko Adzic proved too slick for the Blacktown defence, Awaritefe scoring twice and Adzic notching the other goal.

It rounded off a perfect day for Adzic who has doubled his season's tally, scoring four goals in five days.

Croatia has now scored 13 goals in its last four matches.

● Bobby Russell clears in determined fashion, between Marconi's Gerry Gomez and Fred De Jong.

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B FOR BASKETBALL

TWO weeks ago, when I was approached by an indignant fan who asked me why there was so little space devoted to soccer news in our daily newspapers compared with basketball.

Not being the sports editor of a daily newspaper, I couldn't help him, whereupon he vowed to write to the newspapers and complain.

Maybe he did, maybe he didn't.

He's right of course, these days soccer the world's most popular sport is losing ground steadily to basketball in our daily press.

The game doesn't grab me at all, as far as I am concerned, it's grown-up netball played by American negroes with a growth problem, but the NBL is consistently attracting bigger crowds than the NSL and the distuation is only going to get worse from our point of view.

What attracts people to basketball?

Not being a fan of the game, I can't say what people get out of it, but I do know what they don't get out of it.

They don't have to stand on terraces in the rain.

They don't have to endure people waving flags of countries they have no interest in.

If they travel in a chartered bus to an away game they know they will be able to leave afterwards without having to run a gauntlet of stone-throwing hooligans.

They know that there won't be any smoke bombs thrown onto the court. They don't have to endure obscene chants.

That's a whole load of negatives that add up to a big positive for basketball.

Go to the Entertainment Centre some night with an open mind and entertainment is what you will get.

You'll sit in a seat with a good view, you'll be kept fully informed (the accouncements are all made in English too!), and you'll be able to get food and drink without being robbed blind or moving far from your seat for that matter.

There's always a result too, the passback is unknown in basketball.

The NBL is already a truly national League, and its progress is a damning indictment of the NSL.

The NBL is already in all the major cities, even in little old Hobart where the Devils have just moved into the new Derwent Entertainment Centre, which seats 6000.

Compare that with Tasmania's progress in soccer if you dare.

When will Hobart be a member of the NSL Sam? (Or for that matter, Perth?)

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B FOR BIGOTRY

I received an abusive fax this week (anonymous of course), which said that the sender was not going to buy this newspaper any more.

My crime?

A few weeks ago I wrote an article in which I quoted from a story in *The Australian* about Peter Daicos.

The newspaper quoted Daicos as saying that his father had come from Greece and "worked his butt off" and Daicos was proud of what his father had achieved for the family.

That was interpreted as saying that Daicos was Greek when I should (this fellow thinks) have described him as Macedonian.

Dear, dear, simple-minded idiot that I am, I presumed Daicos, the pride of Collingwood and owner of a new hotel was Australian, and happy to be one.

The whole thrust of the story which our friend completely missed, was that it is easier to gain acceptance in the eyes of the public you play footy.

I feel sorry for the fellow who sent the fax, because he is sick.

How miserable it must be to spend your life looking for slights against your place of origin.

What baffles me about people like him is, why did he come here in the first place?

His attitude reflects the ethnic bigotry that is the curse of the game in this country.

There is one question that he could help me to find the answer to.

I've searched diligently through my extensive soccer library, but I cannot find any mention of Macedonia in the World Cup.

What Group is it playing in?

Has it qualified yet?

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B FOR BLOODY AWFUL REF

It isn't often that you watch a game won 4-2 by the home team at the conclusion of which both sides are absolutely incensed at the referee, but it happened last Saturday at Caulfield.

Not one, but a dozen different supporters of both clubs came up to me after the game to express their disgust, and I wholeheartedly agreed with their complaints.

In a game where by common consent there were only two bad fouls, the referee managed to hand out no fewer than seven yellow cards, send off two players and award two penalties.

The first half of the game between Caulfield and Springvale was superb, full of good football and end to end action, and the game was evenly poised.

The second half turned into a nightmare, as the referee's bizarre decisions began to affect not only the players but the spectators who began arguing vehemently amongst themselves.

It is almost beyond belief that a team with Caulfield's reputation for playing good football could win 4-2 and collect no fewer than five yellow cards in the process, whilst poor Springvale, already struggling against relegation but still playing good crisp football is further handicapped by having to face championship-chasing Croydon City next week without two of its stalwarts.

Anyone looking at the State League statistics on page 8 will form the conclusion that this was a blood-bath, but nothing could be further from the truth.

When I got home from the game I watched the highlights of the Preston v Adelaide City game on the box and decided that the standard of the State League match was much higher.

The worry is that if this referee is demoted as he should be, he might cause a riot if he referees a game where the spectators are less restrained than they were on Saturday at Caulfield.

Maybe the solution would be to promote him to the NSL and let him referee games against interstate visitors like Blacktown, Wollongong and Adelaide City in front of a handful of spectators.

I fervently hope I never see him at another State League game.

★★★★★★★★★★

B-GRADE ACTORS

Whilst we are on the subject of refereeing, I wish we here would make a concerned effort to stamp out the actors in the game who bring the game into disrepute inciting the spectators by writhing in agony when they come into collision with another player.

One of the champions of this shoddy practice is my good friend Joe Palatsides.

Joe, whose Thespian abilities must surely put him in the running for an Oscar soon was at his melodramatic best in the JUST game against Blacktown City recently.

In the first half he was brought down and rolled over in absolute agony no fewer than eight times.

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SNIPPETS

by LES SHORROCK

● Peter Barnes... discarded.

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YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE

CONSIDERING all the bad press soccer has to endure from commercial television and some newspapers, it was refreshing to read about the generous gesture of the Box Hill and Thomastown players who donated their week's soccer earnings to the Hillsboroough Disaster Fund.

It might not seem a big deal to most, but the fact that these players were so moved by a tragedy on the other side of the world is a shining illustration of the bond that unites all of us who take part in the world's most popular sport.

We are all one when comes to wanting to see good football played in an atmosphere that has no equal in any other sport.

Recently I played before a crowd of over 40,000 at the Sydney Football stadium and the feeling of unity with those fans was unbelievable.

And on a smaller scale there was a similar feeling of unity when South played the match against Heidelberg that marked its 30th anniversary before its biggest-ever crowd with I'm sure, players and spectators all sharing a common bond.

Sure, there's intense rivalry between South and Heidelberg, South and Preston and the rest, but underlying it all is our intense love of the world's greatest game, which is our basic reason for being part of it.

So I wholeheartedly congratulate the lads at Box Hill and Thomastown for taking the lead and showing the knockers of soccer who dwell persistently on the violence that there is another, acceptable face of soccer, one that says our love for the game transcends parochial and national boundaries.

For any other clubs or players who wish to follow their example, the VSF has launched its own appeal, and donations may be sent, using the form.

The VSF Appeal closes on May 31.

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MY GREATEST THRILL

If you have ever played a sport, at whatever level, at some time or other you will have experienced an unforgettable moment, that thrill of a lifetime that will remain with you forever.

You don't need to be Marco van Basten scoring that impossible winner for Holland in the European Championship Final, or Gordon Banks saving from Pele at the Guadalajara Stadium in the 1970 World Cup, it could be that crucial tackle that prevented a certain goal in your local competition, or the day you scored the goal that won your team promotion from Fourth Division to Third.

I'm often asked for my outstanding moment, and because the game has been good to me, I've had a few.

But my most outstanding moment, and one that I'm sure I'll never top came along as recently as last year, during the Bicentennial Cup series.

For me, the moment when I slotted the ball into the empty Argentinian net and the celebrations that took place after that never-to-be forgotten triumph over the world champions will for as long as I live remain the highlight of my career.

When I look back on that split second, I realise that I wouldn't want to be told that I had to do it all over again in front of 18,000 people.

As the ball bobbled out of the confused and panicking Argentine defence, I never had any doubt about what I had to do, it was just the execution that made my heart stop for what seemed an eternity.

By PAUL WADE

I had my eyes fixed firmly on the ball but I could also see players scrambling to get back to cover and the gap between them and the post seemed to be shrinking rapidly. But when the ball had squeezed past them and into the net, all I could hear was a deafening roar from the crowd, my heart started up again when what I had done began to sink in.

Right then, if somebody told me I would never score another goal, I couldn't have cared less.

I charged over the goal-line towards the crowd and all I could see was a sea of faces, some painted green and gold, clenched fists punching the air and scarves and flags going everywhere, people leaping out of their seats and onto those below... it was pandemonium and I'm thinking, "I did this" and I got a great charge.

We won that game 4-1 of course and my goal later was somewhat eclipsed by Charlie Yankos' thunderbolt free-kick and penalty.

But I was still on a high when the final whistle went and we did our lap of honour and then the celebrations started in a dressing room jam-packed with well-wishers, TV cameramen, journalists, naked bodies, Uncle Tom Cobley and all.

We had innumerable toasts in Coke (nobody brings champagne in anticipation when you are playing the world champions), but hell, who cares when the choir is in full swing.

After an hilarious hour or so and a short bus ride we were back at the hotel and were greeted by a forecourt packed with young fans, singing "here we go, here we go" and "we are the champions" and waving autograph books.

I signed enough autographs to give me writer's cramp for the rest of my life and then we got down to the serious business of celebrating with our friends.

Let me hasten to say that we are not big drinkers, but there must have been some useful elbow-bendersthe word next day was that the Camperdown Travelodge all-time drinking record of $1100, set by the All Blacks had been well and truly broken.

The next day after that victory was taken up totally with interviews, photo calls, visits to junior soccer camps and other publicity-orientated activities.

It was very taxing, and as the adrenalin drained away, we became very tired, and without making it an excuse, I think that it had a lot to do with our 2-0 defeat in the Final against Brazil.

But for me, nothing will ever replace the thrill of that moment against Argentine.

Next week I'll try to describe for you what it is like to be on the losing side in the last game of a World Cup qualifying series.

See you then.

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I was very worried that he might finish up under the wheels of a semi-trailer in busy Footscray Road.

In the second half he fell over Lee Sterrey's leg right in front of where I was sitting on the touchline, went down clutching his knee and screaming in such agony that I visualised his never being able to walk again.

Of course a mob of idiots rushed to the fence and screamed abuse at the referee, who sensibly smiled at Palatsides, awarded him a free-kick and took no further action.

Needless to say, seconds later Palatsides was in action again, none the worse for wear.

This sort of behaviour can only be described as cheating, because besides inciting one-eyed supporters, it often persuades a weaker referee to issue a yellow card, or even to send off a player, thus gaining an unfair advantage.

Last year I saw a Heidelberg player, after losing the ball threw himself to the ground, clutching his face.

The actor concerned, who is no longer with Heidelberg, cheerfuly admits he conned the referee, in fact he goes around boasting about it!

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B FOR BILLY WHITESIDE

When both Melbourne JUST and Melbourne Croatia were having goalkeeper problems recently, it's a pity that they didn't look towards Dovetone, whose very experienced 'keeper Billy Whiteside is disatissified and is looking for a move.

Whiteside has played National League, of course and since goalkeepers seem to be able to go on playing until they are as old as Methuselah, you could say that he is still in his prime.

Any club that is interested should contact Doveton.

● Billy Whiteside.

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B FOR BARNES

There is an old Roman saying that those whom the Gods wish to destroy they first send mad.

I was reminded of that when I read that Melbourne JUST coach John Margarites had decided not to use guest star Peter Barnes again, after only two games.

Barnes played his first game for the Blues against Marconi, virtually straight off the plane and still jet-lagged.

Playing out of position with strange team-mates he contributed some nice touches before he was taken off.

His next game was against Blacktown, where he seemed to be finding his feet and he helped to lay on Mehmet Durakovic's opening goal.

Now Margarites is reported as saying that he is dissappointed in him!

That is not what I'm hearing from the players, maybe Margarites should ask them what they think, before he sends Barnes back.

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NSL DETAILS

ROUND SIXTEEN DETAILS

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 v ADELAIDE CITY 1 (A. Vidmar 44th)
At Olympic Park, Saturday. Referee J. Fraser. Sent off Jackson (P)
PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianedes — Jolevski, Jackson, Piculovski, Roodhouse — Petrov, Tasevski, Markovski — Smith (Slifkas 75th), Spink, Zinni. Coach Andon Doncevski.
ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica — Shillabeer, Ivanovic, Flounders, Tobin — Melta, Villani, Santrac, A. Vidmar — Mullen, Maxwell. Coach Zoran Matic.

HEIDELBERG 0 MARCONI 2 (Nastevski 43rd, De Jong 64th)
At Olympic Village, Sunday. Referee B. Harwood. Caution Gray (M)
HEIDELBERG: Olver — Kanesoulis, P. McDowall, Scott, Russell, Tredinnick (Gojevic 63rd) — Stewart, Alagiozides, Stubbins — Stevenson, Goutzioulis. Coach Miron Bleiberg.
MARCONI: Catlin — Carter, Calderan, Wheatley, De Marigny — Gray, Gomez, Nastevski, Katholos (Colucci 82nd) — De Jong, Lowe. Coach Berti Mariani.

BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (Van Blerk 24th) MELBOURNE CROATIA 3 (Awaritefe 13th, 34th, Adzic 89th)
At Gabbie Stadium, Sunday. Referee J. Spiers.
BLACKTOWN CITY: Watson — L. Sterrey, Reynolds, Northam, G. Sterrey — Odzakov (Bennett HT), Naumov (Gibson 75th), Maier, Arambasic — Van Blerk, McKinna. Coach Les Scheinflug.
MELBOURNE CROATIA: Rados — Hannah, Selemides, Donnelly, Talajic — Davidson, Biskic (Duzel 80th), Adzic — Caleta, Kelic, Awaritefe. Coach Ivan Reznjevic.

ST GEORGE 0 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Lee 34th, 49th)
At St George Stadium, Sunday. Referee J. McConnell. Caution Koczka (St.G)
ST GEORGE: Gibson — Green, Koczka, Ratcliffe, Grbevski — O'Shea, Ilic, Harper (McGregor 79th), Pottier — Bingley (Kakaios 72nd), Ollerenshaw. Coach Frank Arok.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier — Hooker, Spyriadakos, Haniotis, Koch — Phillips, Lee, Bernal, Polak (Raskopoulos 85th) — Ironside, Saad (Edwards 85th). Coach Eddie Thomson.

SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Slater, pen. 52nd) WOLLONGONG 0
At Croatian Sports Centre, Sunday. Referee J. Fearn.
SYDNEY CROATIA: Krajnovic — Jones, Hunter (inj. Rezo HT), Rozic (inj. Petkovic 35th), Clinch — Savor, Rumora, Arnold — Slater, Ingham, Lamond. Coach Vedran Rozic.
WOLLONGONG: Young — Kotamanides, Vliestra, Mo.lando, Hollifield — Stefanovski (Higgs 70th), Cokely Giraldo, Crainie — Brodnik, Easthorpe. Coach John Fleming.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 2 (Lewis 5th, pen. 64th) SOUTH MELBOURNE 5 (Tasios 39th, 89th, Postecoglou, pen. 52nd, Taliadoros 57th, Micheil 79th)
At Chaplin Reserve, Sunday. Referee J. Rossis. Sent off Campelj, Faulkner (GX).
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keogh — Alevizos, Kotzamichalis (McLaren HT), Waddell, Ketsakides, Marth — Faulkner, Carter, Campelj — Latif, Lewis. Coach John Gardiner.
SOUTH MELBOURNE: McLaren — Postecoglou, Healy, Blair, Micheil — Tasios, Petersen (Foster 79th), Mori, Wright — Trimboli, Taliadoros. Coach Brian Garvey.

DEFERRED MATCHES

SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Savor 54th) APIA LEICHHARDT 2 (R. Brown 19th, Ricoy 67th)
At Croatian Sports Centre, Wednesday. Referee A. Townsend. Cautions Slater, Petkovic (SC). Postponed from March 12.
SYDNEY CROATIA: Krajnovic — Savor, Hunter, Rozic, Clinch — Jones, Rumora (Foster 55th), Arnold, Petkovic (Ingham 77th) — Slater, Lamond. Coach Vederan Rozic.
APIA LEICHHARDT: Pezzano — Webber, Halliday, Radisavlejic, M. Brown — Mason, Bundalo, Blagojevic, Ricoy — R. Brown (O'Connor 77th), Kosmina (Ellem 67th). Coach Michael Urukalo.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 MELBOURNE CROATIA 4 (Adzic, pen. 15th, 54th pen. 61st pen, Caleta 27th)
At Olympic Park, Wednesday. Referee J. McConnell. Cautions McLaren, Postecoglou (SM). Postponed from March 12.
SOUTH MELBOURNE: McLaren — Healy, Fernandes (Mori 66th), Blair, Postecoglou — Micheil, Foster, Tasios, Tsolakis (Wright 55th) — Trimboli, Taliadoros. Coach Brian Garvey.
MELBOURNE CROATIA: Rados — Davidson, Selemides, Hannah Talajic — Duzel (Kelic 55th), Milosevic, Biskic (Cannell 70th) Adzic, Awaritefe. Coach Ivan Reznjevic.

BLACKTOWN CITY v ST GEORGE
Postponed.

● *Zlatko Nastevski*

YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS

Altona Gate 1 Melbourne Croatia 2
Caulfield City 1 Melb. JUST 3
Heidelberg Utd Alex 4 Clayton 1
Preston 4 Clifton Hill 0
SGX 3 Sth. Melb. 0

YOUTH LEAGUE LADDER

George Cross	13	11	2	0	46	11	24
Preston Mak.	12	8	0	4	43	22	16
Altona Gate	11	7	1	3	23	11	15
Heidelberg Utd	13	6	1	6	28	27	13
Sth. Melbourne	9	6	0	3	36	14	12
Melb. Croatia	11	5	1	5	20	23	11
Melb. JUST	12	4	2	6	19	18	10
Caulfield City	13	4	2	7	22	31	10
Clifton Hill	12	4	2	6	14	31	10
Malvern City	11	2	1	8	10	38	5
Clayton	13	1	2	10	13	48	4

ROUND 18

Melbourne Croatia v Caulfield
Melbourne JUST v Heidelberg
South. Melbourne v Preston Makedonia
Malvern City v Altona Gate
Clayton v George Cross

LADDER

MARCONI	15	10	3	2	35	11	23
MELB. CROATIA	16	8	3	5	31	21	19
PRESTON. MAK	15	7	5	3	19	13	19
ST GEORGE	14	7	4	3	16	12	18
APIA LEICHH.	14	6	5	3	18	16	17
Sydney Croatia	14	6	4	4	11	9	16
Syd. Olympic	15	5	5	5	17	14	15
Adelaide C	16	5	5	6	15	16	15
Sth. Melb.	14	5	3	6	22	19	13
Wollongong	15	5	2	8	15	20	12
Melb. JUST	15	4	3	8	14	20	11
George Cross	15	4	3	8	13	19	11
Blacktown City	12	3	3	6	13	27	9
Heidelberg Un	16	3	2	11	12	34	8

GOALSCORERS

12.Nastevski(Marc,2p)	Koczka(St.G)
	McGarry (SO)
8.Adzic (MCr)	McKinna (Bl)
Kelic(MCr)	Melta(AC)
	Milosevic (MC)
7.Ollerenshaw (St.G,4p)	Ousalkas (Heid)
	Skeen (Woll)
	Slater(SC)
6.Awaritefe (MCr)	Smith (PM)
Brown.R (Ap)	Talajic (MJ)
de Jong(Mar)	Tsolakis (SM)
5.Gray (Mar)	van Blerk(Bl)
Latif (GX)	Zinni(PM)
Lewis (GX)	1.Bernal(SO)
Markovski (PM)	Calderan(Mar)
Spink(PM)	Carter (Mar)
	Dakos (SO)
4.Bingley (St.G)	Danzo (Woll)
Easthorpe (Woll)	Deankovic(MJ)
Ironside (SO)	Denyer(Bl)
Kosmina (Ap)	Ellem (Ap)
Lowe (Marc)	Faulkner(GX)
McCulloch (Mar)	Flounders(AC)
Maxwell (Ad C)	Foster(SM)
Mullen (Ad C)	Goutzioulis (Heid)
Postecoglou (SM)	Ingham(SC)
	Jackson (PM)
3.Arnold (S.Cr)	Jee(Bl)
Brodnik (Woll)	Lamond (SC)
Caleta (MCr)	Lazopoulos(MJ)
Crino (MJ)	Lee(SO)
Dimoski (MC)	Markovac (PM)
Lee (SO)	Micheil (SM)
Mori(SM)	Morlando (Woll)
Retre (MJ)	Murphy (MJ)
Ricoy (Ap)	Murray(Ap)
Slater (SC)	Naumov(Bl)
Soper(SO)	Odzakov(Bl)
Stubbins (Heid)	Palatsides(MC)
Tasios (SM)	Petersen(SM)
Trimboli (SM)	Radoslavjevic(Ap)
Van Blerk (Bl)	Raynes(Heid)
Villani (AC)	Roodhouse(PM)
2.Arambasic (Bl)	Savor (SC)
Biskic(MC)	Selemides(MCr)
Cokely (Woll)	Sterrey.G(Bl)
Colagiuri (Mar)	Stevenson (Heid)
Crainie (Woll)	Stewart(Heid)
Edwards (SO)	Theodosopoulos(H)
Hagan(Ap)	Tredinnick(Heid)
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Hunter (SC)	Wade (SM)
Ilic (St.G)	

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NSL REPORTS

BLACKTOWN SINS IN WET CLASH

OUTSTANDING speed and accurate shooting from Melbourne Croatia forwards Francis Awaratife and Zeljko Adzic, together with superior wet-ground tactics helped the team to a 3-1 win over Blacktown City at the Gabbie Stadium on Sunday.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● *ZELJKO ADZIC*

Blacktown began the game well but Croatia goalkeeper Joe Rados was able to contend with dangerous shots from Darren Northam, Zlatko Arambasic and Bobby Naumov.

But when it came to Arawatife's turn in the 13th minute he beat the defence, moved into the open near the left goal line and angled his shot home.

Blacktown came back to even terms 11 minutes later wwhen a combined move ended with midfielder Naumov crossing neatly for winger Jason van Blerk to head home.

Arawatife had his side 2-1 ahead at the break. In the 34th minute he gained possession at the far post to score from a corner from the right which should never have eluded Demons' goalkeeper Steve Watson and his entire defence.

At the break Blacktown brought on defender Peter Bennett for ex Socceroo midfielder Zarko Odzakov in a bid to keep high scoring Croatia striker Adzic under control.

Croatia was playing the better football and in the 83rd minute midfielder Mark Talagic smashed his drive onto the Blacktown crossbar.

With Blacktown pressing forward in the hope of securing an equaliser and young substitute John Gibson playing a prominent role, Melbourne Croatia's replacement Ivan Duzel caught out the Demons defence.

He pushed a searching ball through the middle for Adzic to cruise to his eighth league goal with a pslendid placement.

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SYDNEY OLYMPIC CONFIRMS REVIVAL

SYDNEY Olympic confirmed its revival by defeating St George 2-0 after surviving a jittery first 20 minutes at St George Stadium.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● *GRANT LEE*

Olympic goalkeeper Gary Meier was forced into a succession of spectacular saves to prevent goals from David Ratcliffe, Scott Ollerenshaw and Zoran Ilic.

Ollerenshaw also came close to scoring in the 23rd minute when his header was headed off the line by Robert Hooker.

Sydney Olympic opened the scoring, against the run of play, in the 34th minute in a delightful move involving three players.

Jason Polak sent a through ball to Abbas Saad on the left wing, whose crisp pass was neatly converted by Grant Lee.

Lee was again on th espot four minutes after half-time to score Olympic's second. St George keeper Mike Gibson was only able to partially block a fierce drive from Saad and diminutive midfielder Lee was on hand to head the rebound home.

The goal clearly knocked the stuffing out of St George.

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Marconi opens up the gap

LEAGUE pacesetter Marconi increased its lead with a 2-0 win over a desperate Heidelberg at the Olympic Village ground on Sunday.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● *GERRY GOMEZ*

Following a loss to St George and a draw with South Melbourne in its last two games, Marconi needed a win to regain confidence.

Heidelberg, featuring two players signed during the week, played with far more desperation and created more scoring chances than Marconi due to the brilliant play of right winger Ike Alagiozidis.

Former South Melbourne captain Bobby Russell made his debut in the sweeper's position for Heidelberg, while Steve Gojevic came on as a substitute during the second-half.

Former Greek International Con Kouis, who was to have started a five-match guest stint, failed to arrive in time, flying in on Monday after a delay.

Heidelberg coach Miron Bleiberg assigned John Stewart to mark Marconi goal machine Zlatko Nastevski, but when the Marconi goalace was given the chance in the 44th minute he made no mistake.

Marconi increased its lead in the 64th minute when David Lowe played a corner from the left and Fred de Jong reached the ball ahead of Jeff Olver to head into the net.

Marconi sweeper Robert Wheatley, midfielder Gerry Gomez and forward Lowe were Marconi's best players, while Alagiozidis, John Kanesoulis and Angle Goutzoulis were best for Heidelberg.

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South bounces back

SOUTH Melbourne bounced back from its bad mid-week defeat to beat Sunshine-George Cross 5-2 in the match which finished in uproar at Chaplin Reserve.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● *STEVE TASIOS*

George Cross supporters turned on NSL chairman Sam Papasavas, blaming him for the appointment of referees after South Ausralian referee Jim Rossis sent off Cross players John Campelj and Jeff Faulkner in a fiery second half.

One of the four policemen was hit on the head with a can as he escorted the chairman to the players' area before the police returned to protect Rossis as he left the field at the end of the match.

George Cross took the lead after five minutes

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TOP LEFT: Heidelberg's Jeff Olver punches clear from Marconi's Steve Calderan.
● TOP RIGHT & BOTTOM LEFT: Springvale's Kevin Reilly gets the better of Caulfield's Con Pappas.
BOTTOM RIGHT: Two Heidelberg newcomers, Paul McDowall (left) and Steve Gojevic (right).

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ALTONA ILINDEN EDGES CLEAR

ALTONA Ilinden clambered to the top of Division 1M after a dour and dogged defensive struggle with Australian Airlines. The Fly Boys have shown greatly improved form of late and, for a while, it seemed that they were in with a chance of pinching a valuable away point from the Altona champions. It was not to be.

Second-half goals by Tony Todorovski and Boris Stojanovski finally broke the deadlock and enabled Ilinden to move to a point clear of arch-rivals, Highpoint and Footscray United.

The Airlines may have regretted not fielding Charlie Mifsud in its First team as the ebullient Chas proceeded to knock in a very convincing hat-trick for the Reserves.

The real drama in 1M is still to come. The long-awaited clash between Footscray United and Highpoint failed before it began. With both sides sitting on six points, a win for either would guarantee division leadership. It goes without saying that when this postponed fixture eventually gets under way, there will be very few beg-pardons.

The patchy and unpredictable Apollo United and Orthcote United continued to disappoint their many fans, both losing in games in which they were expected to do better.

Still, Montrose won't be complaining, as Northcote's loss gained the Mountainmen their first points of the sason. ANZ Bank's Indian Summer continued. The Bankers recorded a sound 2-0 away win against still-floundering Middle Park, which now has an undisputed grip on bottom spot.

In Division 1A, Windsor walloped Hampton Park 4-1 to retain its leadership of this division. It is hotly pressed by Glenroy Doxa, which also has four wins from its four starts, and trails the galloping Greeks only on goal difference. Hampton Park, which previously shared the points leadership with these two, was dumped to third by Suday's loss.

Windsor were out of blocks quickly and went into the lead after went into the lead after nine minutes when Sammy ("Methuselah") Ioannidis latched onto a nicely weighted cross to hammer the ball home.

Seven minutes later, Tony Mamouzis made it 2-0, a score which was unchanged at half-time.

Following the break, Hampton Park launched a sustained attack and was rewarded at the 55th minute when Wayne Brown rose to head powerfully wide of the Windsor Keeper. Another 13 minutes of Hampton Park attack went unrewarded despite some close calls, and it was in fact Windsor which got the break, Bill Kabylakis making it 3-1 at the 68th minute mark.

It should have been 3-2 a minute later, when Wayne Brown rifled a shot from point-blank range. Unfortunately for the Parkers, Tony ("Where's my navel gone") Mamouzis was in the direct line of fire, and while he finished flat in the net, the ball stayed out.

Buoyed by this let-off, Windsor started a period of sustained attack which was capped-off by Chris Katirgoglu's virtuoso goal at the 78th minute. A moment of near tragedy marred this game when Hampton Park's John Curran was struck full in the face froma powerfully-hit attempted clearance.

Curran collapsed stunned, and began to swallow his tongue. Quick thinking by Windsor's Con Sidiropoulos saw the correct first aid measures being taken, to the relief obviously of Curran, and his teammates.

The Hampton Park committee has asked that we publicly acknowledge their sincere gratitude to the Windsor players and officials involved for their help and concern.

Melbourne Rumania expected great things of this round's match, and was confident of beginning its run back to the top by taking two home-ground points from Glenroy Doxa. Instead, it was the visitors who out-thought, out-ran and out-powered the MRs all day.

Two goals by Joe Gambin kept Doxa level on points with Windsor, and dumped Melbourne Rumania to eighth spot.

Doxa level on points with Windsor, and dumped Melbourne Rumania to eighth spot. Doxa had many good players on the day and could well have won 6-0 had it not been for outthe standing efforts of new-signing Cearly Popescu in the Rumanian goal. For Melbourne Rumania, its only forward thrust came from George Gottleib, who was brilliant on the right wing. Every time George got the ball he created havoc in the Doxa defence, but the lack of any support whatsoever made his solo efforts vain.

In other games in this division, Rowville United and Flamingo fought out a sparkling 2-all draw, Coomoora Spiders won 5-2 away to Youth United, and Springvale Eagles sprang the surprise of the day (to everyone but them, that is) by downing the powerful Thomastown United combination 3-1.

The Eagles have made some very astute signings of late, so it may not be long before they make a rise from their current seventh.

There were no surprises in Division 2M, with Tottenham and Harambee both recording powerful wins, although that is perhaps not quite right, as no one would have expected Harambee to win by nine goals.

On current form, it is difficult to see anyone else in this section, except perhaps Cretan Athletic, causing these front runners any real problems.

The young SB Spurs combination would have been pleased with their win over Northern Cross St Helena, while Melbourne Pumas were absolutely delighted to pick up their first win of the season in fighting to a 2-1 win over Oakleigh City.

Surprise packet in Division 2A continues to be Flemington Floridia, which calmly meets and beats all-comers. The most serious challenges to the Sicilians are likely to come from Bayside ATA and Berwick United, the latter showing vastly improved form this year.

Bayside ATA's win over Northern Timorese was full of merit, as their opponents were fresh from a resounding Cup win. The first-half opened with a blitz on the Bayside goal, which could have led to early joy for the Northerners but for Koukoumas lunging desperately to head a fierce drive off the line.

It was not long before Bayside struck back with volleys by Umit and Haldun, giving Northern Timorese goalkeeper, Chris Pavli, no chance. Down 2-0 after 15 minutes, the smaller and lighter Timorese held their composure. Displaying thrie legendary ball skills, they pushed the ball around with deft interpassing and grafted their way back to a 2-2 half-time scoreline with goals to Fortunato Carvalho, and Vergilio Caravalho, both being the product of some brilliant midfield build-up.

The second half was a more balanced affair, both teams moving into fast attacks, only to see the respective goalkeepers turn every threat. But a late free kick floated from the Bayside right wing led to the goal-mouth scramble. The ball was pushed onto the upright and obunced tantalisingly along the Timorese goal-line before entering the goal. The final 2-3 scoreline reflected the edge in size and power held by the Baysiders in a

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE LADDERS

Division 1 Morning

Altona Ilinden 2 Aust.Airl. 0 (1-5)
Apollo Un. 3 Fibrem. Utd 4 (5-1)
Footscray Un. P Highpoint P (3-3)
Middle Park 0 ANZ Bank 2 (2-0)
Montrose 4 Northcote Utd (1-1)

Altona IL	4	3	1	0	7	1 7
Highpoint	3	3	0	0	16	1 6
Footscray U	3	3	0	0	9	3 6
ANZ Bank	4	2	1	1	5	5 5
Aust. Air	4	2	0	2	9	8 4
Fibremakers	4	2	0	2	5	7 4
Montrose	4	1	0	3	7	8 2
Apollo Un	4	1	0	3	8	13 2
Northc. Utd	4	1	0	3	5	14 2
Middle P	4	0	0	4	2	13 0

Reserves

Highpoint	4	3	1	0	12	3 7
Aust. Air	4	2	2	0	11	4 6
Footscray U	4	2	2	0	10	6 6
Apollo Un	4	2	1	1	11	9 5
Middle P	4	2	0	2	9	2 4
ANZ Bank	4	1	2	1	5	5 4
Montrose	4	1	2	1	5	6 4
Altona Ilin	4	1	1	2	8	11 3
Northc. Utd	4	0	1	3	2	16 1
Fibre U	4	0	0	4	4	15 0

Division 1 Afternoon

Hampton P U 1 Windsor 4 (0-2)
Melb. Rumania 0 Glenroy D U 2 (3-2)
Rowville U 2 Flamingo 2 (1-2)
S'vale Eagles 3 Thomast. U 1 (0-2)
Youth United 2 Coomera Sp 5 (2-4)

Windsor	4	4	0	0	16	5 8
Glenroy D/U	4	4	0	0	12	5 8
Hampt. P/U	4	3	0	1	10	10 6
Flamingo	4	1	3	0	8	7 5
Coomoora S	4	1	1	2	10	9 3
Thomast U	4	1	1	2	10	12 3
S'vale Eagles	4	1	1	2	7	11 3
Melb. Ru	4	1	0	3	6	9 2
Youth Un	4	0	1	3	10	15 1
Rowville U	4	0	1	3	7	13 1

Reserves

Windsor	4	3	1	0	13	3 7
Flamingo	4	3	1	0	15	6 7
S'vale E	4	2	2	0	11	4 6
Coomoora Sp	4	2	0	2	14	12 4
Melb. Roman	4	2	0	2	7	12 4
Thomast Un	4	2	0	2	10	19 4
Glenroy D/U	4	1	1	2	5	5 3
Hampt. P/U	4	1	0	3	5	7 2
Rowv. Un	4	1	0	3	6	10 2
Youth Un	4	0	1	3	8	16 1

Division 2 Mixed

Melb. Pumas 2 Oakl. C 1 (1-0)
Leros Un 1 Harambee 10 (2-2)
Middle East 1 Cretan Ath. 4 (1-2)
SB Spurs 4 Nth. X St.Helena 3 (2-3)
Swinburne 2 Tottenham 6 (1-5)

Tottenham	4	4	0	0	27	5 8
Harambee	4	4	0	0	26	8 8
Cretan Athl.	4	3	0	1	12	9 6
SB Spurs	4	2	1	1	13	18 5
Nth.X St Hel	4	2	0	2	11	9 4
Midd. East	4	2	0	2	12	13 4
Oakl. City	4	1	1	2	9	11 3
Melb. Pumas	4	1	0	3	5	16 2
Swinburne	4	0	0	4	6	17 0
Leros Un	4	0	0	4	9	24 0

Reserves

Tottenham	4	4	0	0	20	2 8
Leros Un	4	3	1	0	14	5 7
Harambee	4	3	1	0	10	6 7
Cretan Ath.	4	3	0	1	9	5 6
Oakl. City	4	2	0	2	15	11 4
Melb. Pumas	4	2	0	2	9	7 4
Middle East	4	1	0	3	8	8 2
Nth. X/St.Hel	4	1	0	3	5	20 2
Swinburne	4	0	0	4	6	15 0
SB Spurs	4	0	0	4	5	22 0

Division 2 Afternoon

Nthe. Timorese 2 Bayside ATA 3 (0-3)
Oak. City Boys 1 Ff'ton Floridia 3 (7-0)
Nth. Dog. Sparr. 2 Elwood Un 2 (3-15)
Dandenong Un 0 KBRO Blue Dan 5 (2-5)
CSUV 0 Berwick United 5 (2-5)

Ff'ton Flor	4	4	0	0	19	2 8
Bayside ATA	4	3	1	0	17	5 7
Berw. Un	4	3	0	1	10	3 6
Nth.Dog.Spa	4	2	1	1	10	6 5
KBRO Blue D	4	2	1	1	7	3 5
Elwood Un	4	2	1	1	8	6 5
Nth. Timor	4	2	0	2	8	12 4
Oak.City B	4	0	0	4	2	11 0
CSUV	4	0	0	4	2	15 0
Dand. Un	4	0	0	4	3	23 0

Reserves

Elwood Un	4	4	0	0	56	6 8
KBRO B/Dan	4	4	0	0	22	3 8
Berw.Un	4	3	1	0	14	5 7
Bays. ATA	4	3	0	1	13	5 6
Oak.C/Boys	4	2	1	1	13	14 5
Nth. Timor.	4	1	0	3	5	19 2
Dand/United	4	1	0	3	10	34 2
CSUV	4	0	1	3	4	17 1
Nth.Dog.Sp	4	0	1	3	7	26 1
Ff'ton Flor	4	0	0	4	5	20 0

Division 3 East

Dallas Un 6 Westall PIPA 2
Keeley Kings 3 Garden City 2
Kew Deaf 0 Bewater 3
Preston Tramw 1 Laminex 1
Taxation Un 2 Essendon Tram 4

Dallas Un	4	2	0	1	15	8 6
Bewater	4	3	0	1	12	5 6
Ess.Tram	4	3	0	1	14	8 6
Laminex	4	2	1	1	27	6 5
Keeley Kings	4	2	1	1	11	11 5
Pres.Tram	4	2	1	1	7	9 5
Tax.Un.	4	1	2	1	10	10 4
Westall PIPA	4	1	0	3	8	21 2
Garden City	4	0	1	3	5	13 1
Kew Deaf	4	0	0	4	6	24 0

Division 3 West

Altona Heights 0 St.Alb.Wanderers 4
Ardeer 1 K. Park Heights 0
Nippondenso 3 Keilor Old Boys 6
St Albans Dynamo 2 Alt. Nth. Tarrien 0
Whittlesea 3 Sunbery 1

SU/A/Dyn	4	3	1	0	7	2 7
SU/A/Wand	4	3	0	1	11	3 6
Alt.Nth.Tar	4	3	0	1	10	2 6
Keilor OB	4	2	1	1	10	7 5
K/Park H	4	2	1	1	7	4 5
Ardeer	4	2	1	1	5	4 5
Whittlesea	4	1	0	3	6	10 2
Altona/H	4	1	0	3	3	9 2
Sunbury	4	0	2	2	2	8 2
Nippondenso	4	0	0	4	6	18 0

Division 4

Dingley Un 3 Embassy Taxis 2
Endeavour Un 6 Alex the Great 1
Epping Thistle 7 Salesian OB 0
Ford Falcons 3 Sunshine M'Donia 1
Sunshine United 0 Eltham/D. Valley 3
Footscray United v Highpoint Postponed

Sun. M/donia	4	3	0	1	14	6 6
Epping Th	4	3	0	1	10	2 6
End.Un	4	3	0	1	12	7 6
Alex the G	4	2	1	1	8	10 5
Ford Fal	4	2	0	2	11	5 4
Elth./D Val	4	2	0	2	12	8 4
Sunsh Un	4	1	1	2	10	15 3
Ding.Un	4	1	1	2	8	13 3
Sales. OB	4	1	1	2	8	18 3
Em. Taxis	4	0	0	4	8	18 0

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ROUND NINE DETAILS

CAULFIELD CITY 4 (Pappas 5th, 33rd, pen. 83rd, Theoharous 86th) SPRINGVALE CITY 2 (Findlay 24th, Bryden pen. 65th)
At Princes Park, Saturday. Referee T. Petrolito. Sent off Reilly, Findlay (S). Cautions Drakeford, Dimovski, Bitsonis, Pappas, Zolotarev (C), Verechia, Findlay (S).
CAULFIELD CITY: Madjer — Dimovski, Theoharous, Fattore (Aretis 75th), Kountouris — Bitsonis, Filipou, Drakeford, Zolotarev — Pappas, Deligiannis. Coach Jim Condilis.
SPRINGVALE CITY: Brian — B. Keenan, Bissinger, Bryden, Reilly — Findlay, Rolleman, Fourna, Livingstone — Verechia, Webster. Coach Gus Macleod.
Ansett best player award: Pappas (C) 3, Webster (S) 2, Bitsonis (C) 1.

BULLEEN 0 RINGWOOD CITY 0
At the Veneto Club, Saturday. Referee B. Grant. Caution Crulli (B).
BULLEEN: Roccioletti — Marsan, Krajacic, Curulli, Avian — Livingstone, Ruccia, Bozikas, Milosevic — Incantalupo, Lujic. Coach Tony Vrzina.
RINGWOOD CITY: Blackley — Haupt, Cumming, Verniers (Wemyss 20th), Nolan — May, Muir, Maguire, Corvan — Cocker, Davie. Coach Hans Petersen.
Ansett best player award: Haupt (R) 3, Lujic (B) 2, Corvan (R) 1.

NORTHCOTE CITY 0 ST ALBANS 1 (Pondeljak)
At John Cain Reserve, Saturday. C. Bambridge.
NORTHCOTE CITY: Turudia — Palmaricciotti, Harris, Kouremenos, N. Constantinou — Woodall, Thodis (Gymnopoulos HT), Patiniotis — Tsangas, Ashburn (Panagopoulos 80th), Lazengas. Coach Jim Pyrgolios.
ST ALBANS: Grgic — Babic, Bozic, Kupresak, Dragovic — Simovic, Kuzman, Gagula — Pondeljak, Morovic, Eres (Culina 75th). Coach Branko Culina.
Ansett best player award: Kupresak (St.A) 3, Woodall (N) 2, Babic (St.A) 1.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 2 (Lkepac 40th, Lane 60th) ALTONA GATE 2 (McMullen 20th, 89th)
At Olympic Park, Saturday. Referee J. Fokianis.
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Laumets (inj. Marrama HT) — Marley (inj. 80th Triulcio), Coady, Belic, De Amicis — Herd, Minichiello, Patterson, Lane — Klepac, Egan. Coach Manfred Schaefer.
ALTONA GATE: Lee — Ilioski, Markovski, Byrne, Momirovski — Todorovski (Tortevski 70th), Kebarkovski, Aslimovic, Gagic — Micevski, McMullen. Coach Bill Murray.
Ansett best player award: Lane (J) 3, McMullen (A) 2, Patterson (J) 1.

THOMASTOWN 1 (Carfora 75th) MARIBYRNONG 0
At Partridge Reserve, Sunday. Referee D. Voutsinas. Caution Athersych (T).
THOMASTOWN: Janakievski — De Propertis, Hennessy, Higgins, Mihos — Athersych, Carfora, Dougherty, Mihalidis — Ragusa, McGuinness. Coach Frank McAleer.
MARIBYRNONG: Kostrazewa — Lipiarski, Farrugia, Innes, Blicharz — Nelson, Fleming, Bonk, Belagrinos (Czapnik HT) — Temos, Baran (Acevski 75th). Coach Lesjik Djielakowski.
Ansett best player award: Lipiarski (M) 3, Carfora (T) 2, Higgins (T) 1.

BOX HILL 1 (McPhee 85th) MORWELL FALCONS 3 (Basara 18th, McBride 35th, Warszawski 55th)
At Wembley Park, Sunday. Referee J. Santa Isabel.
BOX HILL: McKinlay — McMorrow, Davidson, B. Thomas, Dimitrelis — Hanley, McLeod, McPhee — Alexander, Egan, Ham (Kennedy 65th) Coach John Brown.
MORWELL FALCONS: Reynolds — O'Donnell, McBride, Bruns, Byrne — Doyle, Nelson (Bingham 67th), Cassar — Basara (P. Gotis 85th), Wright, Warszawski. Coach Bob McLachlan.
Ansett best player award: Basara (M) 3, McBride (M) 2, Reynolds (M) 1.

CROYDON CITY 1 (van Egmond pen. 75th) FAWKNER 0
At Town Park, Sunday. Referee P. Lunt.
CROYDON CITY: M. Runje — Gabrielson (Quigley 70th), Dobson, Cubitt, Roodhouse — Brimmer, van Egmond, Brown, G. Runje — Humble, Scott. Coach Ian Dobson.
FAWKNER: Terzini — Cosentino, Schipano, Patricca, Soumalides — O'Dell, Sabatino, Marasco (Tubic 60th), Campbell — Ferrer (Popovski 85th), Emmanuelle. Coach John Colangele.
Ansett best player award: O'Dell (F) 3, G. Runje (C) 2, van Egmond (C) 1.

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JUVENTUS	10	6	3	1	22	8	15
CAULFIELD CITY	10	7	1	2	20	12	15
CROYDON CITY	10	5	4	1	14	4	14
MORWELL FALCONS	10	6	2	2	16	8	14
St Albans	10	5	3	2	11	6	13
Altona Gate	10	5	3	2	15	11	13
Northcote City	10	4	2	4	15	14	10
Bulleen	10	4	2	4	13	15	10
Thomastown	10	4	2	4	9	11	10
Green Gully	10	4	1	5	12	13	9
Box Hill	10	2	4	4	9	13	8
Ringwood City	10	2	4	4	8	13	8
Frankston Pines	10	2	3	5	9	17	7
Fawkner	10	2	2	6	7	14	6
Springvale City	10	0	4	6	5	12	4
Maribyrnong	10	1	2	7	5	19	4

RESERVES RESULTS

Bulleen 2 Ringwood 0
Caulfield City 2 Springvale City 1
Northcote City 3 St Albans 3
Brunswick Juventus 5 Altona Gate 1
Thomastown 1 Maribyrnong 0
Box Hill 0 Morwell Falcons 2
Frankston Pines 2 Green Gully 3
Croydon City 2 Fawkner 1

RESERVES LADDER

St Albans	10	7	2	1	25	9	16
Altona Gate	10	7	2	1	24	13	16
Caulfield City	10	7	1	2	29	15	15
Juventus	10	5	4	1	29	12	14
Green Gully	10	6	2	2	30	16	14
Bulleen	10	4	2	4	13	11	10
Frankston Pines	10	5	0	5	18	22	10
Morwell Falcons	10	4	1	5	17	18	9
Croydon City	10	3	3	4	18	20	9
Thomastown	9	3	3	3	9	13	9
Ringwood City	10	3	2	5	16	23	8
Northcote City	9	3	1	5	17	21	7
Fawkner	10	3	1	6	11	15	7
Box Hill	10	2	3	5	12	23	7
Maribyrnong	10	1	2	7	10	20	4
Springvale City	10	1	1	8	5	23	3

FRANKSTON PINES 0 GREEN GULLY 1 (Elsey 85th)
At Monterey Park, Sunday. Referee R. Simonis.
GREEN GULLY: Sant — Hogben, Pender, Chetcuti, Grimaud — Smart, Wilson (McMillan 70th), McLelland — Metaxas (Elsey 75th), Daley, Harrison. Coach Willie Vassallo.
FRANKSTON PINES: Davies — Watson, Weir, Ross, McLeod — Ferris (Gavilan 60th), Drinoczky, Miller, McDonagh — Dick, Stirton. Coach Joe Sweeney.
Ansett best player award: Harrison (GG) 3, Davies (FP) 2, McLelland (GG) 1.

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8. Pappas (Caul)		Lujic (Bull)
7. Egan (Juve)		McArthur (BH)
McMullen (Alt)		McMillan (GG)
		Markovski (Alt)
6. Basara (MF)		Nelson (Mar)
Woodall (North)		Patiniotis (North)
		Patterson (Juve)
5. Incantalupo (Bull)		Pender (GG)
		Pondeljal (St.A)
4. Gagula (St.A)		Stirton (FP)
Humble (Croy)		Theoharous (Caul)
		Trogrlic (Bull)
3. Athersych (Thom)		van Egmond (Croy)
Bonk (Mar,1 pen)	1. Aretis (Caul)	
Carfora (Thom)	Aslimovski (Alt)	
Deligiannis (Caul)	Belic (Juve)	
Drakeford (Caul)	Bitsonis (Caul)	
Emmanuele (Fawk)	Bothwell (FP)	
Hanna (Fawk)	Bryden (S'vale)	
McBride (MF)	Cumming (Ring)	
Morovic (St.A)	Curulli (Bull)	
Scott (Croy)	Cristaldo (Thom)	
Sokoluk (MF)	Daley (GG)	
Tsangas (North)	Davis (Alt)	
2. Bozikas (Bull)	Della Rocca (Juve)	
Brimmer (Croy)	Dougherty (Thom)	
Byrne (MF)	Elsey (GG)	
Campbell (BH)	Grimaud (FP)	
Cocker (Ring)	Ham (BH)	
Davie (Ring)	Harris (North)	
De Amicis (Juve)	Harrison (GG)	
Dick (FP)	Higgins (Thom)	
Emmanuele (Fawk)	Ilioski (Alt)	
Eres (St.A)	Kebarkovski (Alt)	
Farquharson (G.G)	Keenan.B (Svale)	
Filipou (Caul)	Kennedy (Ring)	
Findlay (S'Vale)	McAleer (B.H)	
Glockner (Juve)	McDonagh (FP)	
Herd (Juve)	McIntosh (Croy)	
Klepac (Juve)	McLelland (GG)	
Kouremenos (North)	McLeod (BH)	
Lane (Juve)	McPhee (BH)	
	Micevski (Alt)	
	Minichiello (Juve)	
	Radecki (FP)	
	Roodhouse (Croy)	
	Ristovski (Alt)	
	Sabatino (Faw)	
	Sweeney (F.P)	
	Thodis (North)	
	Thomas (BH)	
	Verechia (Spr)	
	Warszawski (MF)	
	Watson (F.P)	
	Wright (MF)	

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	Kouremenos (North)
	May (Ring)
11. Cooper (BH)	Nelson (MF)
Humble (Croy)	Patterson (Juve)
McMullen (Alt)	Sokoluk (MF)
van Egmond (Croy)	Stenson (Fawk)
10. Corvan (Ring)	
Lujic (Bull)	4. Babic (St.A)
	Bonk (Mar)
9. Byrne (Alt)	Brimmer (Croy)
	Byrne (MF)
8. Athersych (Thom	Contini (Bull)
Brian (S'vale)	Culina (St.A)
Harris (North)	Davies (FP)
Kupresak (St.A)	Incantalupo (Bull)
	McBride (MF)
7. Byrne (MF)	Pappas (Caul)
Ilioski (Alt)	Reynolds (MF)
Lane (Juve)	Sabatino (Fawk)
Ristovski (Alt)	Wilson (GG)
Woodall (North)	
6. Basara (MF)	3. Bissinger (S'vale)
Belic (Juve)	Campbell (BH)
Czapnik (Mar)	Cutler (G.G)
Dick (FP)	Dougherty (Thom)
Fattore (Caul)	Harrison (GG)
Herd (Juve)	Haupt (Ring)
McIntosh (Croy)	Innes (Mar)
McKinlay (BH)	Lipiarski (Mar)
Miller (FP)	McLelland (GG)
Minichiello (Juve)	Mihos (Thom)
O'Dell (Fawk)	Nelson (Mar)
Simovic (St.A)	Palmaricciotti (North)
Trogrlic (Bull)	Patiniotis (North)
	Patricca (Fawk)
	Pondeljak (St.A)
5. Bitsonis (Caul)	Ragusa (Thom)
Blackley (Ring)	Ross (FP)
Bozic (StA)	Turudia (North)
Brown (Croy)	Watson (Pines)
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WITH a third of the State League season behind us, it is becoming more apparent every week that no club is going to run away with the title.

Brunswick Juventus' last two games, a loss to Ringwood City and a draw with Altona Gate, both at home, are proof of that.

After last week's round we have the intriguing situation of six clubs separated by only three points.

These six final four hopefuls have now opened up a gap of three on the rest of the field, and teams like Northcote, Bulleen and Thomastown will need to pull up their socks if they are to take a hand in the finish.

Brunswick Juventus is making every effort to regain its National League status at the first attempt, but some intriguing possibilities could ensue if it doesn't.

A glance at the current NSL ladder shows that there is every likelihood that the two relegated clubs will be Melbourne based, three of them, Melbourne JUST, George Cross and Heidelberg being in the bottom four.

If Juventus doesn't win the State League and two Melbourne clubs come down, the State League might become an attractive alternative to promotion for the State champion.

Is this what some Board identities have had in mind recently when they were canvassing the possiblity of reducing the State League to 12 clubs?

Just imagine for a moment, a State League consisting of the present top clubs plus Heidelberg and George Cross . . . makes you think, doesn't it?

However, while you are pondering that scenario, don't discount the possibility of moves being made to increase the NSL to 16 clubs to save the bottom clubs.

SPRINGVALE CITY'S BETTER THAN THAT
I've seen Springvale City play three times already this season, and I have to say that its performances have belied its lowly League position.

It led at half-time against Northcote on merit and should have gone on to win, but somehow surrendered a soft goal.

At Caulfield last week, both Vale and Caulfield put on a first-class show in the first half until the referee stepped in to spoil the game.

Springvale fought on pluckily to the end with only nine men for the best part of the second half, and until that game it had conceded only a miserly goal a game.

Springvale coach Gus Macleod was hopping mad with the refereeing standard after the game, and who could blame him.

At half-time he must have thought he was in line for his team's first win of the season, but it wasn't to be.

I understand that an official complaint is on its way to the VSF from Springvale City about the referee, who was being inspected for up-grading.

Caulfield has conceded the same number, and is second in the League! I get the feeling that one day everything will click into place and the 'Vale will grab a handful of goals.

It's not likely to be this week though, handicapped as it will be by the absence of Kevin Reilly and Hugh Findlay, sent off at Caulfield.

Croydon's defence is hard to crack, and has conceded only four goals so far, but there might be just a chink in the armour in Dave McIntosh's absence.

● John Sokoluk

SOKOLUK JOINS CAULFIELD

Caulfield and Morwell Falcons have come to terms over John Sokoluk and the Scottish striker could be available to play on Saturday against St Albans if immigration approves the transfer of his visa in time.

Caulfield, extremely perturbed by the rash of yellow cards last week's referee saw fit to issue, is desperately anxious to strengthen its team before the suspensions come up.

Scottish midfielder Kevin Hoggan, who isplaying for Second Division club Cowdenbeath should soon be on his way, and he could be joined by English import Steve Greenwood.

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ST ALBANS SEEKS A GOALKEEPER

St Albans coach Branko Culina, facing Caulfield this Saturday was bitterly disappointed when his goalkeeper Mate Grgic, told him after last Saturday's game at Northcote, that he had decided to move to Melbourne Croatia.

So there will be a new face between the sticks at Churchill Reserve this week.

"I'm so desperate I might have to play in goal myself," says a disconsolate Culina (the league's leading goalscorer Con Pappas would relish the thought).

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FALCONS FLYING HIGH AGAIN

Morwell Falcons have apparently shaken off the disappointing defeat at the hands of Juventus, banging in six points in their last two games, and the most pleasing feature from the club's point of view is the way that Greg Warszawski has settled in.

Box Hill coach John Brown was full of praise for Falcons and Warszawski in particular after the weekend.

"We weren't in the event: says honest John, "they slinned us".

Morwell hosts Thomastown this week, but the Toms coach Frank McAleer says he hasn't made any special plans to counter Falcons' danger men, Billy Wright, Darko Basara and company.

By BRIAN JAMES

"We take each game as it comes," he says, but at the same time he's happy to welcome back Victor Cristaldo, who was sent off by mistake two weeks ago against Green Gully.

Frank rang to ask us to make mention of the excellent refeering of the Maribyrnong game by Dennis Voutsinas.

"It was a real pleasure to have a referee of his calibre after some we have had to suffer lately," he said.

This weekend's games, probable winners in capitals:

SATURDAY: **ALTONA GATE** v Bulleen at Paisley Reserve, **NORTHCOTE CITY** v Frankston Pines at John Cain Reserve, **MORWELL FALSONS** v Thomastown at North Crinigan Reserve. St Albans v **CAULFIELD CITY** at Churchill Reserve.

SUNDAY: Springvale City v Croydon City (draw) at Ross Reserve. Frawkner v **BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS** at Smith Reserve, **RINGWOOD CITY** v Box Hill at Jubilee Park. Maribyrnong v **GREEN GULLY** at Raleigh Reserve.

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VICTORIAN LEAGUE 1

FIRSTS

Oak'h	0	V	W.Subs 0
S'haa	0	V	M'bark 1
E'don	4	V	Dove'n 1
W'gte	0	V	N'wad 2
D'nong	1	V	W'bee 2
Knox	1	V	B'mead 1
Albion	2	V	Mord 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
E'don	6	4	2	0	11	4	10
M'bark	6	3	3	0	5	2	9
B'mead	6	3	2	1	6	3	8
W'bee	6	3	2	1	9	7	8
N'wad	6	3	1	2	10	7	7
Knox	6	3	1	2	10	7	7
Albion	6	2	3	1	8	5	7
Dove'n	6	3	0	3	6	8	6
S'haa	6	2	1	3	6	7	5
Oak'h	6	2	1	3	4	5	5
Mord	6	1	2	3	7	10	4
W'gte	6	1	2	3	4	8	4
W.Subs	6	0	3	3	3	8	3
D'nong	6	0	1	5	3	11	1

RESERVES

Oak'h		V	W.Subs
S'haa		V	M'bark
E'don		V	Dove'n
W'gte		V	N'wad
D'nong		V	W'bee
Knox		V	B'mead
Albion		V	Mord

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Knox	5	4	1	0	14	7	9
M'bark	5	3	1	1	16	5	7
Dove'n	5	3	1	1	6	3	7
Albion	5	3	1	1	6	6	7
S'haa	5	3	0	2	14	10	6
D'nong	5	2	1	2	8	5	5
B'mead	5	2	1	2	10	9	5
N'wad	5	2	0	3	10	10	4
Oak'h	5	0	4	1	9	10	4
E'don	5	2	0	3	7	8	4
W.Subs	5	2	0	3	5	9	4
Mord	5	1	2	2	8	13	4
W'bee	5	1	0	4	5	13	2
W'gte	5	1	0	4	5	15	2

LEAGUE 2

FIRSTS

Y'ville	0	V	H'berg 2
R'wood	3	V	R'mond 2
Keilor	1	V	N.Geel 2
Wav.C	0	V	Pt Mel 1
Geel	1	V	S'bury 0
B'ton	2	V	Coburg 1
C'ton H	0	V	Don Rv 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Pt Mel	6	5	0	1	13	6	10
N.Geel	6	4	1	1	17	10	9
R'wood	6	4	1	1	16	13	9
Geel	6	4	0	2	10	6	8
Keilor	6	3	1	2	7	9	7
R'mond	6	3	0	3	13	12	6
Wav.C	6	2	2	2	8	9	6
C'ton H	6	2	1	3	9	9	5
Coburg	6	2	1	3	8	8	5
B'ton	6	2	1	3	8	9	5
Don Rv	6	1	3	2	4	5	5
H'berg	6	2	0	4	8	13	4
S'bury	6	1	1	4	7	12	3
Y'ville	6	0	2	4	2	9	2

RESERVES

Y'ville	2	V	H'berg 1
R'wood	3	V	R'mond 0
Keilor	2	V	N.Geel 3
Wav.C	0	V	Pt Mel 3
Geel	1	V	S'bury 1
B'ton	7	V	Coburg 0
C'ton H	6	V	Don Rv 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
B'ton	6	5	1	0	16	4	11
R'wood	6	5	0	1	16	8	10
C'ton H	6	4	1	1	16	11	9
Pt Mel	6	4	0	2	18	7	8
N.Geel	6	4	0	2	15	9	8
Keilor	6	4	0	2	14	10	8
H'berg	6	3	1	2	11	8	7
R'mond	6	3	1	2	12	13	7
Y'ville	6	3	0	3	10	14	6
S'bury	6	1	1	4	12	16	3
Geel	6	1	1	4	9	14	3
Don Rv	6	1	0	5	9	14	2
Coburg	6	1	0	5	7	24	2
Wav.C	6	0	0	6	3	16	0

LEAGUE 3

FIRSTS

M'ton	2	V	Altona 1
Elt/D.V	3	V	C/Geel 1
Holl Pk	1	V	S'ford 2
S'vale	1	V	M'bin 2
C'sea	2	V	Lalor 2
Bell Pk	3	V	H'thon 2
Y'ourn	1	V	C'inda 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bell Pk	6	6	0	0	18	3	12
C'sea	6	3	2	1	17	7	8
Holl Pk	6	4	0	2	11	6	8
Lalor	6	3	2	1	9	8	8
S'ford	6	2	3	1	14	8	7
M'ton	6	2	3	1	5	4	7
C/geel	6	2	2	2	4	4	6
Elt/d.V	6	2	2	2	10	11	6
M'bin	6	1	3	2	7	13	5
Altona	6	2	0	4	9	15	4
C'inda	6	1	2	3	5	15	4
H'thon	6	1	1	4	9	12	3
S'vale	6	0	3	3	5	10	3
Y'ourn	6	0	3	3	4	11	3

RESERVES

M'ton	2	V	Altona 3
Elt/D.V	3	V	C/Geel 1
Holl Pk	1	V	S'ford 3
S'vale	1	V	M'bin 1
C'sea	1	V	Lalor
Bell Pk	2	V	H'thorn 0
Y'ourn	1	V	C'inda 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Elt/d.V	6	5	0	1	18	10	10
M'bin	6	4	1	1	21	5	9
S'vale	6	4	1	1	14	8	9
Altona	6	4	1	1	8	6	9
S'ford	6	4	0	2	16	7	8
C'inda	6	4	0	2	19	12	8
Holl Pk	6	3	1	2	11	10	7
H'thorn	6	2	2	2	8	9	6
Bell Pk	6	2	1	3	8	9	5
C'sea	5	2	0	3	9	14	4
Lalor	5	1	1	3	6	8	3
C/geel	6	1	0	5	8	14	2
M'ton	6	0	1	5	3	15	1
Y'ourn	6	0	1	5	2	24	1

LEAGUE 4

FIRSTS

K'ingal	2	V	More.Pk 4
W'town	0	V	Cl'ton 1
Keysbro	0	V	FTGully 2
Regent	2	V	L'warr 0
Boronia	1	V	Hamlyn 3
Bent	5	V	R'anna 1
Brun/Iv	3	V	P'vale 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Hamlyn	6	5	0	1	20	9	10
Cl'ton	6	5	0	1	17	8	10
Bent	6	4	2	0	13	4	10
Brun/Iv	6	3	2	1	12	4	8
R'anna	6	3	2	1	12	11	8
More.Pk	6	3	1	2	15	17	7
Regent	6	2	2	2	8	5	6
K'ingal	6	2	1	3	11	13	5
W'town	6	1	2	3	5	9	4
L'warr	6	1	2	3	5	9	4
Keysbro	6	0	3	3	4	9	3
Ftgully	6	1	1	4	4	10	3
Boronia	6	1	1	4	3	12	3
P'vale	6	0	3	3	2	11	3

RESERVES

K'ingal		V	More.Pk
W'town	0	V	Cl'ton 3
Keysbro	3	V	FTGully 2
Regent	2	V	L'warr 2
Boronia	2	V	Hamlyn 3
Bent	3	V	R'anna 3
Brun/Iv	4	V	P'vale 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cl'ton	6	4	1	1	10	5	9
Hamlyn	6	4	0	2	11	8	8
Regent	6	2	4	0	10	8	8
Bent	6	2	3	1	13	9	7
Brun/Iv	6	2	3	1	12	8	7
R'anna	6	3	1	2	12	11	7
Keysbro	6	3	0	3	7	10	6
W'town	6	3	0	3	7	10	6
More.Pk	5	2	1	2	8	7	5
K'ingal	5	2	1	2	6	6	5
L'warr	6	1	3	2	7	9	5
P'vale	6	2	0	4	10	15	4
Boronia	6	1	1	4	7	12	3
Ftgully	6	0	2	4	7	12	2

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE 1

FIRSTS

W Vale	1	V	Wav'ly 0
B'wick	0	V	Berwick 2
N.Sun	1	V	Prahran 1
E Geel	0	V	W Mead 1
Malvern	4	V	Mossf' 3
S'vale	1	V	Melton 0
Oak.Sub	4	V	S Yarra 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S'vale	6	6	0	0	17	5	12
Prahran	6	4	2	0	17	10	10
N.Sun	6	4	1	1	17	10	9
Berwick	6	4	0	2	12	8	8
W Mead	6	3	1	2	12	10	7
W Vale	6	3	1	2	9	7	7
B'wick	6	2	3	1	9	9	7
Oak.Sub	6	3	0	3	15	12	6
Malvern	6	3	0	3	12	16	6
Melton	6	2	1	3	11	11	5
S Yarra	6	1	1	4	7	14	3
Wav'ly	6	1	0	5	8	14	2
Mossf'	6	1	0	5	7	14	2
E Geel	6	0	0	6	5	18	0

LEAGUE 2

FIRSTS

Port Un	0	V	S S'vale 1
Br'tons	2	V	Uni Melb 1
Glenroy	3	V	F'kston 1
F.Hill	6	V	Altona Eas 0
Cranb'n	1	V	Lalor 1
Monash	0	V	Ascot 1
S Dandy	2	V	Ball't 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cl'ton	6	4	1	1	10	5	9
Hamlyn	6	4	0	2	11	8	8
Regent	6	2	4	0	10	8	8
Bent	6	2	3	1	13	9	7
Brun/Iv	6	2	3	1	12	8	7
R'anna	6	3	1	2	12	11	7
Keysbro	6	3	0	3	7	10	6
W'town	6	3	0	3	7	10	6
More.Pk	5	2	1	2	8	7	5
K'ingal	5	2	1	2	6	6	5
L'warr	6	1	3	2	7	9	5
P'vale	6	2	0	4	10	15	4
Boronia	6	1	1	4	7	12	3
Ftgully	6	0	2	4	7	12	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S S'vale	6	4	2	0	15	3	10
Ascot	6	3	3	0	8	5	9
Altona	6	4	1	1	9	10	9
F.Hill	6	3	2	1	15	6	8
Cranb'n	6	3	2	1	10	6	8
Br'tons	6	2	3	1	11	8	7
S Dandy	6	3	1	2	12	11	7
Glenroy	6	2	2	2	10	9	6
Uni Mel	6	1	4	1	9	8	6
Ball't	6	2	1	3	7	10	5
Port Un	6	1	1	4	6	10	3
Lalor	6	0	3	3	5	12	3
F'kston	6	0	3	3	5	14	3
Monash	6	0	0	6	2	12	0

RESERVES

Port Un		V	S S'vale
Br'tons	0	V	Uni Melb 4
Glenroy	3	V	F'kston 4
F.Hill	3	V	Altona Eas 3
Cranb'n	3	V	Lalor 0
Monash	0	V	Ascot 0
S Dandy	3	V	Ball't 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Uni Mel	6	4	1	1	17	8	9
Altona	6	3	3	0	17	11	9
F'kston	6	4	0	2	16	10	8
Lalor	6	3	1	2	21	8	7
Ball't	6	3	1	2	17	7	7
S Dandy	6	3	1	2	14	9	7
Ascot	6	3	1	2	10	6	7
Cranb'n	5	2	3	0	6	2	7
Monash	5	2	2	1	9	7	6
S S'val	5	2	1	2	5	12	5
Glenroy	6	2	0	4	12	19	4
F.Hill	6	1	1	4	8	18	3
Br'tons	6	0	1	5	2	18	1
Port Un	5	0	0	5	4	23	0

LEAGUE 3

FIRSTS

Altona	0	V	Fitzroy 2
Lyndale	3	V	W'tirna 2
Carrum	3	V	Mitcham 0
R'dale	1	V	Med.Pk. 3
Ringw'd	1	V	Nth Clayto 0
Monbulk	1	V	Brandon 2
Kew	2	V	Bataan 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lyndale	6	5	0	1	20	9	10
Fitzroy	6	4	2	0	16	8	10
Kew	6	4	2	0	12	7	10
W'tirna	6	3	1	2	19	9	7
Brandon	6	2	3	1	8	8	7
Monbulk	6	2	2	2	7	4	6
Carrum	6	2	2	2	11	10	6
Med.Pk.	6	2	2	2	7	9	6
Mitcham	6	3	0	3	12	15	6
Bataan	6	0	5	1	6	7	5
Ringw'd	6	1	3	2	6	8	5
Altona	6	1	2	3	4	10	4
Nth Cla	6	0	1	5	8	17	1
R'dale	6	0	1	5	7	22	1

RESERVES

Altona	5	V	Fitzroy 3
Lyndale	1	V	W'tirna 2
Carrum	2	V	Mitcham 2
R'dale	3	V	Med.Pk. 2
Ringw'd	0	V	N.Clayton 1
Monbulk	1	V	Brandon 1
Kew	1	V	Bataan 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
W'tirna	6	6	0	0	16	5	12
Brandon	6	5	1	0	20	5	11
Bataan	6	4	1	1	16	11	9
Kew	6	3	2	1	12	9	8
R'dale	6	3	1	2	12	10	7
Lyndale	6	3	0	3	13	12	6
Mitcham	6	2	2	2	11	10	6
Monbulk	6	2	1	3	6	8	5
Carrum	6	2	1	3	15	18	5
Altona	6	2	1	3	15	19	5
Med.Pk.	6	2	0	4	15	17	4
N.Clayt	6	2	0	4	9	11	4
Ringw'd	6	1	0	5	7	13	2
Fitzroy	6	0	0	6	6	25	0

LEAGUE 2

FIRSTS

Upfield	2	V	D.Valley 2
E.Hills	1	V	C'well G 4
I'city	3	V	C'corde 1
Mel.Uni	4	V	R.M.I.T. 3
D Scots	2	V	Furlan 6
Yarra U	7	V	Maccabi 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
C'well	6	6	0	0	27	7	12
Upfield	6	4	1	1	24	9	9
D Scots	6	4	1	1	16	9	9
Yarra U	6	4	0	2	25	12	8
Mel.Uni	6	4	0	2	14	7	8
Maccabi	6	2	2	2	11	12	6
D.Valle	6	1	3	2	9	10	5
E.Hills	6	2	1	3	16	18	5
I'city	6	2	0	4	8	14	4
R.M.I.T	6	1	1	4	12	22	3
Furlan	6	1	1	4	9	19	3
C'corde	6	0	0	6	5	37	0

RESERVES

Upfield	3	V	D.Valley 2
E.Hills	1	V	C'well G 1
I'city	11	V	C'corde 0
Mel.Uni	2	V	R.M.I.T. 1
D Scots	2	V	Furlan 2
Yarra U	6	V	Maccabi 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
E.Hills	6	4	2	0	17	9	10
C'well	6	4	2	0	15	7	10
D Scots	6	3	3	0	17	6	9
Yarra U	5	3	2	0	18	8	8
Upfield	6	4	0	2	13	10	8
I'city	5	3	1	1	18	2	7
Mel.Uni	6	3	1	2	15	8	7
Furlan	6	2	2	2	13	12	6
D.Valle	6	1	1	4	10	15	3
Maccabi	6	1	0	5	11	21	2
R.M.I.T	6	0	0	6	7	23	0
C'corde	6	0	0	6	3	36	0

AMATEUR LEAGUE 1

FIRSTS

Wav.Wand	2	V	Phillip 2
North U	0	V	H'thorn 3
Diggers	2	V	Oak U 2
Balwyn	4	V	Coll'wd 1
E Rich		V	Bye
L'robe	1	V	Keilor 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
H'thorn	5	5	0	0	19	2	10
E Rich	5	4	1	0	14	6	9
Balwyn	5	3	2	0	20	7	8
Phillip	5	2	2	1	8	11	6
Wav.Wan	5	2	1	2	12	11	5
North U	5	2	1	2	6	7	5
Oak U	6	1	3	2	10	14	5
Coll'wd	6	2	1	3	9	16	5
Diggers	6	1	1	4	9	13	3
L'robe	6	0	3	3	9	13	3
Keilor	6	0	1	5	4	20	1
Bye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

RESERVES

Wav.Wand	3	V	Phillip 3
North U	0	V	H'thon 0
Diggers	4	V	Oak U 2
Balwyn	2	V	Coll'wd 4
E Rich		V	Bye
L'robe U	1	V	Keilor 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Wav.Wan	5	4	1	0	16	7	9
Coll'wd	6	4	0	2	25	12	8
Balwyn	5	4	0	1	19	7	8
E Rich	5	4	0	1	26	15	8
Phillip	5	2	3	0	12	7	7
North U	5	1	3	1	7	9	5
Diggers	6	1	2	3	15	22	4
L'robe	6	2	0	4	9	16	4
H'thon	5	0	3	2	6	14	3
Oak U	6	1	1	4	13	23	3
Keilor	6	0	1	5	5	21	1
Bye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

LEAGUE 2

FIRSTS

Upfield	2	V	D.Valley 2
E.Hills	1	V	C'well G 4
I'city	3	V	C'corde 1
Mel.Uni	4	V	R.M.I.T. 3
D Scots	2	V	Furlan 6
Yarra U	7	V	Maccabi 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
C'well	6	6	0	0	27	7	12
Upfield	6	4	1	1	24	9	9
D Scots	6	4	1	1	16	9	9
Yarra U	6	4	0	2	25	12	8
Mel.Uni	6	4	0	2	14	7	8
Maccabi	6	2	2	2	11	12	6
D.Valle	6	1	3	2	9	10	5
E.Hills	6	2	1	3	16	18	5
I'city	6	2	0	4	8	14	4
R.M.I.T	6	1	1	4	12	22	3
Furlan	6	1	1	4	9	19	3
C'corde	6	0	0	6	5	37	0

RESERVES

Upfield	3	V	D.Valley 2
E.Hills	1	V	C'well G 1
I'city	11	V	C'corde 0
Mel.Uni	2	V	R.M.I.T. 1
D Scots	2	V	Furlan 2
Yarra U	6	V	Maccabi 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
E.Hills	6	4	2	0	17	9	10
C'well	6	4	2	0	15	7	10
D Scots	6	3	3	0	17	6	9
Yarra U	5	3	2	0	18	8	8
Upfield	6	4	0	2	13	10	8
I'city	5	3	1	1	18	2	7
Mel.Uni	6	3	1	2	15	8	7
Furlan	6	2	2	2	13	12	6
D.Valle	6	1	1	4	10	15	3
Maccabi	6	1	0	5	11	21	2
R.M.I.T	6	0	0	6	7	23	0
C'corde	6	0	0	6	3	36	0

UNDER 11

CENTRAL

E.RICH	10	V	E.BENT 2
BYE		V	C.FIELD
MORDI	11	V	MORDI B 0
MEL CTY	13	V	O.LEIGH SU 0
CLAYTON	1	V	B.MARIS 2
ELWOOD	2	V	CONDORS 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
B.maris	3	3	0	0	13	1	6
E.rich	3	2	1	0	24	3	5
Mordi	3	2	0	1	27	2	4
Mel Cty	3	2	0	1	25	11	4
Condors	3	1	2	0	14	5	4
C.Field	2	1	1	0	4	1	3
Elwood	3	0	1	2	5	19	1
E.bent	3	0	0	3	4	24	0
Mordi B	2	0	0	2	1	25	0
O.leigh	2	0	0	2	0	29	0

EASTERN A

Donc.R	2	V	W'ley.Cty 0
Cla'nda	0	V	F. HILL 6
S'valeA	3	V	B.Hill 0
Cr'don.C	3	V	W'ley.U 2
Mitcham	1	V	Bulleen 2
Knox.A	18	V	Nuna.C 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
F. Hill	3	3	0	0	16	2	6
S'valea	3	3	0	0	11	1	6
Cr'don.	3	3	0	0	7	3	6
Knox.A	3	2	0	1	23	3	4
Donc.R	3	2	0	1	13	7	4
Mitcham	3	1	0	2	12	6	2
W'ley.U	3	1	0	2	7	5	2
Bulleen	3	1	0	2	2	9	2
Cla'nda	3	1	0	2	2	11	2
W'ley.C	3	0	1	2	5	9	1
Nuna.C	3	0	1	2	4	32	1
B.Hill	3	0	0	3	1	15	0

EASTERN B

M.BARK	0	V	OAKLEIGH 0
ELTHAM	5	V	BRI.TON 1
S.BROOK	1	V	S.VALE CTY 6
B.DON PK	1	V	H.TON PK 0
KNOX CTY C	1	V	BORONIA 1
KNOX CTY B	1	V	G/W.LEY 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
G/w.Ley	3	3	0	0	16	1	6
M.bark	3	2	1	0	14	0	5
Eltham	3	2	0	1	9	5	4
Boronia	3	1	2	0	4	3	4
S.vale	3	2	0	1	8	11	4
Oakleig	3	1	1	1	6	5	3
B.don P	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Knox Ct	2	1	0	1	10	2	2
H.ton P	3	1	0	2	8	5	2
Knox Ct	3	0	1	2	1	19	1
S.brook	3	0	0	3	4	15	0
Bri.ton	3	0	0	3	1	16	0

NORTHERN

BYE		V	MALVERN
PRESTON A	0	V	FAWKNER 4
H.BERG UTD	1	V	LALOR UTD 3
MEL.CROATI	0	V	B.U.JUVE 0
N.COTE CTY	2	V	T.TOWN 4
LALOR	0	V	N.COLL UTD 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
T.town	3	3	0	0	14	3	6
B.U.Juv	3	2	1	0	7	0	5
Fawkner	2	2	0	0	11	0	4
Lalor U	2	2	0	0	4	1	4
Mel.cro	3	1	1	1	9	6	3
N.coll	3	1	1	1	5	7	3
Lalor	3

HOW YOUR TEAM FARED

State League

CAULFIELD 4 SPRINGVALE 2

I had heard so many stories of misfortune concerning Springvale City's battle to climb out of the relegation zone that it became almost compulsory to sample this disconcerting phenomenon for myself.

So I went to Princes Park to see what could be achieved against Caulfield City, one of the surprise packets of this season's State League competition.

I have to say that if this was an accurate example of what has been happening to Springvale all season, coach Gus MacLeod must have spent an awful lot of his time walking under ladders scattering salt to the four winds while black cats crossed his path.

Three times Springvale hit the woodwork as it battled valiantly against a more skilful team and there is no doubt in my mind that it could easily have been two up before Caulfield got its first.

Even then it fought back from 0-1 down to be 1-1 then from 1-2 down to be 2-2 and it was at this stage that a shock result was a distinct possibility.

Caulfield looked pretty demoralised and with heads hung low and more than a little aruging going on among teammates as blame from mistakes was shifted from player to player.

This was when Springvale should have taken complete control, but it was also when it was struck by yet another body blow. Defender Kevin Riley was sent off for a high tackle and, to be fair, he deserved it. But, at the same time, a carbon copy of that tackle by Dimovskie went unpunished.

Riley's premature departure gave Caulfield a bit of a lift and a few minutes later, their stock was sky high when Hugh Finlay also got his marching orders, leaving Springvale with nine men and a chip on its shoulder.

To its credit, it gave everything in the case for a win and Stan Webster worked like three men on his own up front. That was a performance which had even Caulfield supporters in awe.

No one man should have that much energy and determination. If only there had been more support for his efforts the result might have been different.

But Caulfield took the fullest advantage of its two man advantage. Con Pappas completed his hat-trick, Kenny Drakeford came back into the game after being shut out for a spell and, in the end, Caulfield coasted home.

But MacLeod and his players will no doubt wonder what could have happened. Their first victory was so close and it was snatched away from them by bad luck and some of the most inept refereering decisions I have seen in a very long time.

Petrolito booked five Caulfield, four Springvale players and, of course, treated two Springvale players to an early bath.

I don't like criticising referees, because they have a very difficult job, but Petrolito also gave Caulfield a penalty kick that wasn't even close and completely mystified me and many others with several of his other decisions.

Springvale will write to the Victorian Soccer Federation complaining about Petrolito's handling of the game and I can't blame them. But these letters rarely do any good.

MacLeod agrees, but added: "We just can't sit back and allow these things to happen without at least trying to do something about it. It may sound like sour grapes because we lost, but this effects the game as a whole not just one club.

"How can players help becoming frustrated and angry when they can see bad decisions happening regularly? It also upsets spectators and that's when you can get a lot of trouble off the field."

Personally I believe that any referee who needs his red and yellow cards to control a game, is simply not up to it.

I am well aware that there is a shortage of referees, but there were only four State League games played on Saturday and surely they should have been allocated to the best four referees available.

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CROYDON 1
FAWKNER 0

Fawkner's reorganised line up caused Croydon to defend with desperation during the first 30 minutes of this lively game at Croydon Park.

The reflexes of goalkeeper Runje kept Fawkner scoreless and the guile of George Campbell on the Fawkner wing, proved ot be a threat everytime he had the ball.

Goren Runje beat three defenders to see his shot hit the base of the upright and, at the other end, Alan Roodhouse cleared off the line.

This pattern continued into the second half but gradually Croydon's Ian Dobson and State League newcomer Craig Cubitt, who was promoted from the reserves to take the place of the unavailable McKintosh, came to grips with Fawkner.

The turning point came when Brian Quigley came on as a substitute and immediately started to drive the ball into open spaces and get the Croydon forwards going in a cohesive manner.

It was from a good interpassing move that Goran Runje found himself free in the penalty area and was up-ended by a Fawkner defender which enabled Nick Van Egmond to score from the spot.

The win kept Croydon within a pint off the leaders and this Sunday it visits Springvale to meet a team which always provides Croydon with stiff opposition.

Croydon held a collection for the Hillsborough disaster and $400 was raised thanks to Croydon and Fawkner supporters, team members and the referees who generously donated.

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BULLEN 0
RINGWOOD CITY 0

Ringwood's lively performance against Juventus the week before could not be repeated against Bulleen last Saturday afternoon.

The first half of this game was rather dull and uneventful. Neither team could build up a dangerous attack or even pass the ball accurately.

The only noticeable incident came in the 20th minute when Colin Wemyss replaced the injured Ron Verniers and the only chance also came to Ringwood City but John Cumming failed to score after a clever through-pass from John Corvan.

The second half provided much better football when both sides tried to force a winning break. In the 48th minute Bulleen's Ruccia just failed to score with a sizzling shot just over the bar, and it was only two minutes later that the Bulleen goalie made a brilliant save from a well taken free-kick by John Corvan.

In the 57th minute Bulleen should have scored when Lujic broke free over the wing but Colin Blackley did well to save. Graham Haupt played a fine game for Ringwood, especially in containing the always dangerous Lujic.

Bulleen put the Ringwood defence under pressure but the only result was a deep cut to the forehead of Colin Blackley after a collision with a Bulleen player, but the Ringwood goalie refused to be replaced.

The counter-attacks by Ringwood were not strong enough to penetrate the Bulleen defence.

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BOX HILL 1
MORWELL FALCONS 3

Wembly Park held no advantage for Box Hill as a muc more determined MOrwell Falcons outfit dominated for most of the match, scoring three while the Hillmen scored only the one and were denied a second when the safe hands of Dave Reynolds palmed away a penalty kick from Jim Alexander during the second half of the game.

Morwell was first to score and at the 18th minute, Greg Warszawski's shot rebounded off John McKinlay where Darko Basara was waiting to pounce on and slam home.

Box Hill was finding it hard to mark Falcons fast-running forwards and several chances were produced within the next 10 minutes.

Billy Wright was spoken to by referee John Santa Isabel several times for something he was saying, Wright took the tip and buttoned up.

Emil Bruns was fouled in front of goal at the 35th minute and Mr santa Isabel had no hesitation in pointing to the penalty spot. Jim McBride did the honours and converted for the Valley side.

Mike Hanley was the only Box Hill player who was able to repeatedly make space and twice in the early minutes of the second half had Reynolds moving quick to gather in the shots.

Harry Bingham, coming back from injury, replaced Jim Nelson and immediately sent a long through ball to Greg Warszawski who rounded his opposition and shot into the roof of the net for his first goal since joining the Falcons this season.

Box Hill's penalty was awarded, when Gary McPhee was in a melee of players in front of Falcons' goal and was sandwiched between Emil Bruns, Dave Reynolds who came out to punch the ball going into the bottom left corner, but Reynolds at full length palmed it away, his second penalty save this season.

With five minutes to go, Box Hill salvaged something from the encounter when the ball went through the middle of the ground and chipped into the air for McPhee to head past Reynolds, who was caught off his line.

E.H.

Victorian League Division One

SANDINGHAM 0
MOOROOLBARK 1

On a glorious sunny day the Barkers travelled to the Bayside to take on Sandringham.

But it was no holiday as the host team proved a very strong and skilful side.

the Barkers were determined to remain unbeaten and this they did in great style.

Sandringham opened by attacking the Barkers from the kick off. The Barkers recovered well and made several attacks looking for the early goal. Ex national league player John Ysendorn cleared a certain goal off the line but the Barkers kept up the pressure. Their reward came from a long throw-in by Garry Hobson which Graham French back headed for Greg Hoax to head into the net for a great goal.

The Barkers were now in a hurry to get another one. Five minutes later House was brought down in the penalty area. Referee John Rutter had no hesitation in awarding a penalty. French took the kick and tried to place the ball in the corner but keeper Steve Harburb was able to save and Sandringham breathed a sigh of relief.

This let off acted as a spur for the home side and they lifted their game. Les Long, in the Barker goal, was called on to tip a great shot over the bar from Steve Kenny.

The second half saw play swinging from end to end. Sandringham kept up the pressure and its very experienced players used all their skill to try and get on level terms.

The Barkers managed to hold on to their slim lead and came out on top.

The win lifted them into second behind Essendon, who they tackle this weekend at Esther Park.

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THE Geelong teams showed that they were going to make a fight for

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SOUTH BOUNCES BACK

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when Paul Lewis beat Mike Petersen to a through pass from Ossie Latif and hit an angled shot passed keeper Bruce MacLaren.

South Melbourne equalised in the 39th minute when Steve Tasios accepted a pass from Danny Wright and hit a perfect lobbed shot over keeper Sean Keogh into the top of the net.

The game erupted three minutes into the second-half when Cross Campelj was ordered off for a bad tackle on Damien Mori.

South Melbourne took the lead four minutes later from a penalty when Sunshine's John Waddell pulled back Kim Taliadoros in the box. Angie Postecoglou hit the spot kick to Keogh's left.

South added a third goal in the 57th minute when Taliadoros sped past Waddell and lobbed over Keogh before sliding the ball from an angle into an empty net.

George Cross pulled a goal back when Paul Lewis intercepted a back pass from Wright and was brought down by Steve Blair as he was setting himself up to shoot on goal. Lewis converted the resultant penalty with a shot to McLaren's right.

Sunshine twice came close to levelling the scores when Postecoglou cleared off the line and Brian Roberts hit the side netting, but its chances disappeared when Rossis allowed South Melbourne to take a free kick quickly and Harry Micheil broke clear to shoot in the fourth goal.

Supporters became more agitated when Sunshine and Harry Micheil broke clear to shoot in the fourth goal.

Supporters became more agitated when Sunshine midfielder Jeff Faulkner was sent off for a foul on Tasios.

South Melbourne scored its fifth goal a minute from time when Tasios lobbed over the keeper.

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Sydney Croatia gets by without the best

SYDNEY Croatia overcame th eloss of Alan Hunter and Vedran Rozic to beat Wollongong City 1-0 at the Croatian Sports Centre.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● *GRAHAM ARNOLD*

Hunter and Rozic both had to be replaced at half time because of niggling injuries but Wollongong failed to exploit the advantage.

Socceroo striker Graham Arnold deputised at centre half for the second-half, once again demonstrating his all-round value.

His strong defence was a feature of the match but Robbie Slater's all-important penalty was the main talking point.

Melbourne referee Jim Fearn awarded the spot kick seven minutes after half time, ruling that Wollongong fullback Peter Kotamanidis had handled the ball.

But an angry Kotamanidis claimed later the ball had not touched his hand.

"The ball struck me right in the middle of my chest and there was no way in the world it was a penalty," Kotamanidis said.

Several Wollongong players ran to the referee to protest but Fearn waved them away and showed the yellow card to Kotamanidis.

Wollongong applied persistent pressure for the last 30 minutes yet Croatia could well have scored two more goals.

Slater and Manis Lamond broke away on a number of occasions but failed to finish off.

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How Your Team Fared —

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promotion in Divisions Two, Three and Four of the Victorian League last weekend.

In Division Two North Geelong went to Keilor and came home with a very valuable victory North started off brilliantly, creating four good early chances. Patrick Alilovic opened the scoring with a clever lob over a ruck of players from Ivan Skoko's cross. The shot may have been deflected, but it was on target in any case. Skoko made it two with a long-range effort. Keilor got back in the game with a goal, but Ismail Ali pulled off a great diving save from a penalty kick to deny Keilor the equaliser. Keilor then became frustrated and two players were sent off late in the game.

It took Geelong unti more than half-way through the second half to break the deadlock against Sunbury United at Stead Park, in the other Division Two game. Neither team had threatened to score and Sean Howe in the Geelong goal had very little to do. Steve Jones made the decisive break down the left and his deep cross was nodded back into the centre by Ilam McCloskey for Darren Tuck to score from close range.

Bell Park opened up a four-point lead in Division Three, though it should be remembered that it has only played one team in the top half of the table so far. Park led 2-0, against Hawthorn but was pegged back to 2-2 before Sam McNeilage's penalty gave it a narrow win.

Tommy Cumming put Park ahead when he reacted quickly to a shot which reobunded from the defence. Steve Scerri made it two with a header, but in the second half the Park defence stood square and allowed a Hawthorn forward to run through and then a bad pass-back conceded a second goal. The late penalty brought relief to the Batesford fans.

Corio-Geelong United succumbed to Eltham/Diamond Valley by 3-1 away from home. Corio-Geelong United's usually solid defence let in three times as many goals in one game as it had conceded up till then in the competition.

The home team took the lead early and 10 minutes later Peter Smith's free-kick breached the defensive wall and when the keeper could only parry the ball, Paul denOuden pounced on it to score.

Frank Gumina did well in goals for Corio-Geelong United in place of regular keeper Laurie Cicero, but it was his teammates who fell in a heap.

In Division Four, Hamlyn Rangers continued on its winning way with a hard-fought 3-1 victory at Boronia. Craig Brown, Darren Nelson and an own goal made up Hamlyn's tally.

In Division One of the Provisional League, East Geelong extended its losing run to six matches against West Meadows at Howard Glover Reserve. The score was 1-0.

Brintons accounted for the University of Melbourne at the Conca D'Ora Club 2-1. The visitors surprised Colin Gibson with a lob over his head early in the game and at half-time it was still 1-0.

Ashley McIntyre put Tony Reed through for his first league goal since joining Brintons, and then these two players combined to set up David Brough for winner. McIntyre's throw was chested onto the path of the onrushing Brough by Reed.

ROY HAY

Division Two

WAVERLEY 0
PORT MELBOURNE 1

Port Melbourne came to Waverley as the league leader and, after a tight and very tense match, went away with the two points to remain at the top of the table.

The game started in sensational fashion as at the two minute mark ref Mike Gaunt awarded Port Melbourne a penalty but Dave Bradley the Waverley keeper made an excellent save diving to his left to keep the game scoreless.

From the outset it was Waverley who made all the moves towards the Port goal but with Port playing on the counter attack they had to be a little bit careful.

Radcliffe nearly got himself onto the score sheet when his low shot deceived Ports goalkeeper Turudia but only found the bottom of the post and rebound to safety.

At the other end Waverley were also lucky not to go behind when they had to kick off the line.

With both defences standing firm it was no surprise to see the match go in at half-time with no goals to either side.

After the break it was Port who put Waverley under the hammer for the first 10 minutes and Waverley had to concede four corners.

After 18 minutes of the half it was Port who broke the deadlock when a well-worked move from the defence gave Michalakopoulos his chance and he made no mistake to put Port one up.

Again Waverley had gone one down and again they tried to come back but the Port defence led by goalkeeper Turudia and centre half Tasominos were determined to keep the lead.

Both sides gave 100 per cent and it was a pity there had to be a loser but goals win matches and on this day one was enough.

Waverley City: D. Bradley, P. Strahan, K. Patterson, A. Nelson, A. Perree, A. Wilson, G. Wyhte, T. Grimwade, G. Radcliffe, M. Budd, A. Rusmir, R. Parkin, G. Pavlou.

Port Melbourne: E. Turudia, J. Patsoukas, P. Kamarotlis, C. Rizopoulos, A. Tasominos, J. Pasakos, T.Rizopoulos, P. Kourelis, D. Stevancevic, M. Michalakopoulos, J. Koutkos, F. Serafingos, G. Rateni, C. Pasakos.

ERIC RICHARDSON

APIA TOYS WITH JUST

APIA Leichhardt toyed with a dispirited Melbourne JUST to register a comfortable 2-) win win at Lambert Park on Sunday.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● *PEDRO RICOY*

Despite the absence of four key players through suspension and injury and a tough 2-1 victory over Sydney Croatia four days earlier the Apia goal was rarely threatened.

But coach Michael Urukalo had to urge on his players when they started to relax after scoring the second goal two minutes into the second half.

"They fell away after that goal, although I had expected them to tire following the great effort with 10 men against Sydney Croatia," he said.

The persistence of Pedro Ricoy led to the first goal in the 32nd minute when he challenged the defence and his cross was parried by keeper Mauro Raponi to unmarked Brian Ellem, who hammered the ball into the net from close range.

Striker Rod Brown completed the double when his speed caught out the Melbourne defence, who waited for an offside ruling but referee Alan Kibbler allowed play to continue.

Raponi brought down Brown as he raced into the penalty area and the Apia striker easily converted the resulting spot kick.

"We've now picked up five points in the past seven days and today's win was important because it consolidates our place in the top five," Urukalo said.

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Adcity continues advance

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● *AURELIO UDMAR*

ADELAIDE City maintained its steady advance towards the top five with a 1-0 win over a depicted Preston Makedonia at Olympic Park.

It was Preston's first defeat in 13 matches after sweeper man-of-the-match Aurelio Vidmar scored the all-important goal two minutes before half-time.

About 10 minutes into the second half a linesman informed referee Jim Fraser that sweeper Steve Jackson had thrown the ball at Vidmar.

After a brief consultation Fraser showed Jackson the red card.

After Jackson had been sent off, Preston took off striker Steve Smith and sent on Zoran Tasevski to strengthen the defence.

Adelaide City forward Joe Mullen started a lightning attack in the 62nd minute after Preston's George Petrov had lost the ball. Mullen went forward with the help of Vidmar who crossed to Melta for a shot against the goalpost.

Sergio with another well-timed cross by Vidmar found Charley Villani unmarked in the penalty area but after controlling the ball Villani was dispossessed by defender George Jolevski.

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INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

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game played in fine spirit.

Dallas United is back on top in Division Three East after Preston Tramways and Laminex stole a point from one another. Dallas made no mistake in downing Westall PIPA 6-2, while Bowater and Essendon Tramways continued on their winning ways. Keeley Kings has also got into the act by downing Garden City 3-2, but Taxation lost ground, as well as its match. With only two points separating 1st and 7th, this still remains a fascinating Division.

There is little in Division Three West, where two points separate the top six teams. St Albans Dynamo has moved to the lead after downing previous front-runners Altona North Tarxien.

Kings Park Heights took an unexpected tumble when losing to the relatively unfancied Ardeer, but St Albans Wanderers burst into contention, and into second spot, with a surprisingly conclusive 4-0 demolition job on Altona Heights.

The St Albans Dynamo/Altona North Tarxien match was largely a battle of the respective midfields, with very few chances being created by either side. The Dynamos had the better of what few chances were offered, scoring at the 17th and 68th minutes.

Both goals were scored by Ante Cengija, the first when he collected a rebound from the goalkeeper and the second resulting from a quick counter-attack when Ivan Grgas laid of neatly to Milan Jurcevic, who unselfishly pushed the ball across to Cengija. For St Albans Dynamo, best players were Dorinko and Jovic in midfield and Tome Pavic, sweeper.

For the visitors, Joe Pace was brilliant goal, while Laguna and G. Farrugia both had very good games.

In Division Four, Sunshine Macedonia's bubble of complacency was pricked when it was convincingly beaten by Ford Falcons. Epping Thistle moved into second with a merciless 7-0 drubbing of Salesian Old Boys, while Endeavour United was just as pitiless in its 6-1 pulverising of Alexander the Flat Footed.

Three teams now share the lead on six points, separated by goal differences which at this stage are far from commanding. Alexander the Great has dropped to fourth, closely pursued by Ford Falcons and Eltham & Diamond Valley. This is still anyone's division, but from now on consistency will be the name of the game.

In Reserves competition the Elwood Avalanche continues unchecked Spare a thought for the Division 2A Reserves sides who in four rounds have managed to sneak just six goals, while having 56 plundered from them. Little less merciless is Keysborough Blue Danube, in the same section, whose relative performance is 3 and 22.

It will be interesting to see what happens when the River strikes Elwood Beach.

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Saturday
MELB. CROATIA v APIA LEICHHARDT ....

Sunday
MELB. JUST v HEIDELBERG UTD. .....
STH. MELB. v PRESTON MAKEDONIA ....

STATE LEAGE — Rd. 11 Saturday
ALTONA GATE v BULLEEN .....
NORTHCOTE CITY v FRANKSTON P .....
MORWELL FALCONS v THOMASTOWN ....
ST ALBANS v CAULFIELD CITY .....

Sunday
SPRINGVALE CITY v CROYDON CITY .....
FAWKNER v BU JUVENTUS .....
RINGWOOD CITY v BOX HILL.....
MARIBYRNONG P/A v GREEN GULLY .....

VICTORIAN LEAGUE — ROUND 7

Division 1 — Saturday
DOVETON v DANDENONG.....
MOOROOLBARK v ESSENDON CITY .....
OAKLEIGH v WESTGATE.....

Sunday
MORDIALLOC v NUNAWADING CITY.....
BROADMEADOWS CITY v ALBION.....
WERRIBEE v KNOX CITY.....
WESTERN SUBS v SANDRINGHAM .....

DIV. 2 — Saturday
DONCASTER ROVERS v PORT MELB. .....
COBURG v CLIFTON HILL.....
SUNBURY UNITED v BRIGHTON.....
NORTH GEELONG v GEELONG .....
RICHMOND v KEILOR .....
HEIDELBERG C v RINGW. UN .....
YARRAVILLE v WAVERLEY CITY .....

DIV. 3 — Saturday
CLAYTON v MOORABBIN CITY .....
HAWTHORN v YALLOURN.....
LALOR UN v BELL PARK .....
SEAFORD UNITED v CHELSEA.....
CORIO/GEELONG v HOLLAND PARK .....
ALTONA CITY v ELTHAM .....
MORNINGTON v SPRINGVALE UN .....

DIV. 4 — Saturday
PASCOE VALE v LANGWARRIN.....
ROSANNA v E. BRUNSWICK .....
HAMLYN RANGERS v BENTLEIGH GREENS.....
FERNTREE GULLY v BORONIA.....
CLAYTON v KEYSBOROUGH .....
MORELAND PARK RAN. v WILLIAMSTOWN .....
KARINGAL UN v REGENT.....

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE — RD 7

DIV. 1 — Saturday
SOUTH YARRA v WESTMEADOWS .....
MELTON v OAKLEIGH SUBURBS .....
MOSSFIEL RANG. v SPRINGV CONDORS...
PRAHRAN v MALVERN CITY.....
BERWICK CITY v NORTH SUNSHINE .....
WAVERLEY UN v BRUNSWICK CITY.....
WESTVALE v EAST GEELONG.....

DIV. 2 — Saturday
BALLARAT v ALTONA EAST .....
ASCOT ST MARKS v STH DANDENONG ...
LALOR v MONASH UNIVERSITY .....
FRANKSTON UN v CRANBOURNE.....
UNI OF MELBOURNE v GLENROY.....
STH SPRINGVALE v BRINTONS .....
PORT UNITED v FOREST HILL.....

DIV. 3 — Saturday
BATMAN UN v MEADOW PARK .....
BRANDON PARK v KEW EAGLES .....
NORTH CLAYTON v MONBULK.....
MITCHAM UN v RINGWOOD ROVERS.....
WANTIRNA v CARRUM UN .....
FITZROY CITY v LYNDALE UN .....
ALTONA UN v RIVERSDALE.....

AMATEUR LEAGUE — RD 7 — DIV. 1 Sunday
KEILOR UN v OAKLEIGH UN .....
BYE v LATROBE UNI.....
COLLINGWOOD C v EAST RICHMOND.....
HAWTHORN UN v BALWYN CITY .....
PHILLIP INSTITUTE v NORTHERN UN ....
WAVERLEY WANDERERS v DIGGERS REST.....

DIV. 2 — Sunday
MACCABI v CONCORDE.....
FURLAN UN v YARRA UN.....
RMIT v OLD SCOTCH.....
CAMBERWELL GRAMMA R v MELB. UNI....
DIAMOND VALLEY v ENDEAVOUR HILLS...
UPFIELD v INTERCITY.....

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE ROUND 5 DIV. 1

Morning
AUSTRALIAN AIRL v ANZ BANK.....
FIBREMAKERS UTD v ALTONA ILINDEN....
FOOTSCRAY UN v MIDDLE PARK.....
HIGHPOINT v MONTROSE .....
NORTHCOTE UTD v APOLLO UN.....

DIV. 1 Afternoon
COOMOORA SPIDERS v S'VALE EAGLES...
FLAMINGO v MELB. RUMANIA.....
GLENROY DOXA UTD v WINDSOR.....
THOMASTOWN UTD v ROWV. UN .....
YOUTH UNITED v HAMPTON PARK UTD...

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NORTHCOTY CITY 0
ST ALBANS 1 (Pondeljak 45th)
Saturday provided glorious weather for the visit of St Albans, but that was the only bright note for the home fans, who saw their team lose its 100 per cent home record.

The score in fact flattered Northcote, which should have lost by a greater margin.

Fielding a reshuffled defence, due to the absence of injured Chris Bekiaris, Northcote was outplayed in the first half, and should have gone behind in the 11th minute after Stan Thodis handled on the line.

However, 'keeper Mark Turudia brilliantly saved Dennis Morovic's spot-kick then blocked a shot from 16-year-old Ollie Pondeljak, who blasted the rebound wide.

But Pondeljak had the last laugh, when, with almost the last kick of the half he gave Turudia no chance with a close range shot to put the Saints ahead.

With Northcote's forwards largely ineffectual, its best first half effort came from defender Robert Palmaricciotti, whose 20 metre volley was well saved by Mate Grgic.

The second half followed the same pattern with . . . Dupresak, Eddie Kuzman and Pondeljak dominating for the visitors and only poor finishing saved Northcote from an embarrassingly defeat.

The home side improved somewhat when substitute Alex Gymnopoulos came on to provide some much-needed skill and it almost snatched an undeserved point through Martin Woodall whose pile-driver 30 metre effort was well saved by Grgic.

On this form, St Albans must be considered a definite title contender, whilst Northcote must hope that the return of Chris Bekiaris, Peter and Jim Constantinou and Pedro Ramos will lift the team.

State League

OVERSEAS NEWS

English div 1: Charlton 1 Wimbledon 0, Derby 2 Aston Villa 1, Middlesbrough 0 Arsenal 1 Newcastle 1 Millwall 1 Norwich 1 Everton 0 Southampton 2 Manchester United 1 West Ham 1 Luton 0. Postponed: Coventry v Nottingham Forest, Liverpool v Queen's Park Rangers. Note: Tottenham v Sheffield Wednesday played on April 13

	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Arsenal	21	9	5	68	32	72
Liverpool	18	10	9	55	34	64
Norwich	17	10	9	46	31	61
Nott For	16	12	8	57	38	60
Tham	16	12	10	60	45	57
Derby	16	7	12	38	33	55
Coventry	14	11	11	44	41	53
Millwall	14	10	13	46	51	52
Wimbledon	14	9	13	47	42	50
Manch Utd	12	12	11	40	30	48
QPR	12	11	12	39	43	47
Everton	12	11	13	51	45	45
S'ton	10	14	13	51	44	44
Aston Villa	9	12	16	44	55	39
Charlton	9	12	15	41	54	39
M'brough	9	12	15	44	60	39
Luton	9	11	17	41	52	38
Sheff Wed	9	11	15	31	47	38
West Ham	8	8	19	31	53	32
Newcastle	7	10	20	32	61	31

Div 2: Barnsley 1 Portsmouth 0, Birmingham 1 Hull 0 Blackburn 3 Walsall 0 Brighton 0 Ipswich 1 Chelsea 3 Bradford 1 Leeds 0 Oldham 0 Leicester 2 Crystal Palace 2 Manchester City 3 Bournemouth 3 Plymouth 3 Oxford 1 Swindon 3 Stoke 0 Watford 0 Shrewsbury 0 West Bromwich 0 Sunderland 0.

	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Chelsea	28	13	5	93	48	96
Man City	23	13	10	76	52	82
Blackburn	22	13	12	74	57	77
Watford	21	12	13	70	48	75
Crys Pal	21	12	11	66	48	75
Swindon	20	13	10	66	51	73
Barnsley	21	9	12	63	57	71
Ipswich	17	9	10	59	41	70
W Brom	17	13	13	64	41	69
Leeds	17	13	13	66	51	64
S'land	17	13	13	47	47	64
B'mouth	18	7	20	58	62	61
Stoke	15	13	16	55	59	58
Bradford	13	16	16	51	58	55
Oxford	13	12	19	52	66	51
Leicester	13	15	17	54	61	54
Oldham	11	20	14	73	70	53
Plymouth	14	11	20	55	66	53
P'mouth	13	12	20	51	59	51
Brighton	14	8	23	55	64	50
Hull	11	14	20	52	67	47
S'bury	8	17	20	37	64	41
B'hum	9	11	25	30	72	38
Walsall	5	16	24	40	77	31

Div 3: Blackpool 2 Huddersfield 1 Bolton 4 Brentford 2 Bristol Rovers 0 Fulham 0 Chester 2 Gillingham 0 Mansfield 3 Chesterfield 1 Notts County 4 Aldershot 1 Port Vale 2 Southend 0 Sheffield United 5 Swansea 1 Wigan 1 Bury 0 Wolverhampton 3 Northampton 2, Cardiff 0 Preston 0 Reading 1 Bristol City 2.

	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
W'ton	26	11	6	90	43	89
Sheff Utd	25	8	11	91	50	83
Port Vale	22	12	10	75	47	78
Fulham	22	9	14	68	55	75
Brist Rov	19	16	9	67	50	73
Preston	19	14	12	76	57	71
Chester	19	11	14	64	58	68
Notts Cnty	17	13	13	53	52	67
Brentford	18	12	14	64	59	66
Bolton	15	15	14	54	51	60
Swansea	15	15	14	49	50	60
Brist Cty	17	7	19	51	55	60
Burry	16	12	17	55	67	60
H'field	17	8	20	62	72	59
M'field	14	16	13	48	52	58
N'ton	16	6	19	64	73	54
Wigan	14	11	18	54	60	53
Reading	14	11	20	64	69	53
Cardiff	13	13	17	45	55	52
Southend	12	15	17	53	52	51
C'field	14	7	24	48	82	49
Blackpool	12	12	19	51	56	48
G'ham	11	7	30	45	80	40
Aldershot	8	12	25	48	78	36

Div 4: Cambridge 3 Torquay 0 Carlisle 1 Wrexham 2 Doncaster 0 Tranmere 0 Hartlepool 2 Burnley 2 Hereford 1 York 2 Lincoln 0 Leyton Orient 1 Rochdale 0 Peterborough 0 Scarborough 2 Grimsby 3 Southhorpe 5 Darlington 1 Stockport 1 Rotherham 3, Colchester 4 Exeter 0 Crewe 2 Halifax 2.

	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
R'ham	22	15	8	76	35	81
S'thorpe	21	14	10	74	53	77
Tranmere	20	16	8	58	40	76
Crewe	20	14	10	62	47	74
S'borough	20	14	11	68	52	74
Ley Ort	20	12	13	66	49	72
Wrexham	17	14	13	74	42	65
Cambridge	17	13	14	69	61	64
Grimsby	16	13	13	60	56	63
Lincoln	17	10	16	63	60	61
York	16	13	15	59	61	61
Exeter	16	8	21	65	67	60
Torquay	17	8	19	64	56	59
Carlisle	14	14	17	50	56	56
Hereford	14	15	18	64	70	57
Burnley	14	13	18	52	58	55
Rochdale	14	13	18	55	80	53
Hartlepool	14	10	21	50	70	52
Stockport	12	13	20	54	66	49
P'borough	13	12	20	50	74	51
Halifax	11	10	23	57	73	49
Doncaster	13	10	23	49	76	49
Colchester	11	14	20	57	77	47
Darlington	8	18	19	51	73	42

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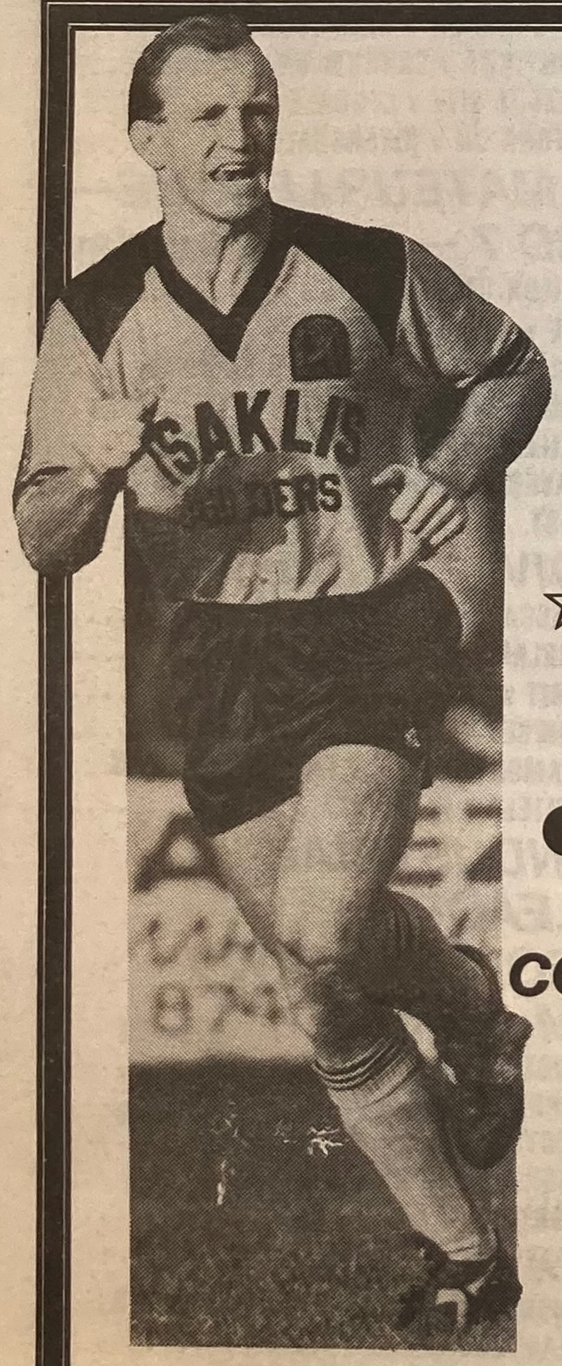

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